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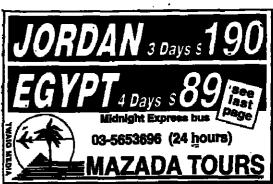
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A disguised Hizbullah spokesman points to a map yesterday while describing Wednesday's suicide attack in the security zone. (Reuter)

3 held in largest-ever seizure of smuggled cocaine

RAINE MARCUS

TEL AVIV detectives, together with customs and VAT investigators, yesterday seized the "biggest amount of cocaine" ever smuggled into the country, arresting three suspects.

Some 43 kilograms of pure cocaine, valued at \$3 million, arrived at Haifa Port from Holland last Wednesday. But the alleged smugglers, in their forties and from the center of the country, only picked up the container early yesterday.

Since it arrived, the container was under surveillance by police and customs officials, who used special equipment to detect the (Continued on Page 20)

Shetreet: Non-Orthodox marriages, conversions are next

RELIGIOUS Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet yesterday utilized a ceremony at which he distributed licenses to alternative burial societies to announce plans to circumvent the Chief Rabbin-

ate regarding conversions. "Just as we [are to] have alternative burial, we will also have alternative marriage and conversion," said Shetreet.

In the past, he has proposed financing trips abroad for those who are barred from marrying here. Yesterday, he revealed he would utilize rabbinical courts abroad to facilitate conversion.

The alternative conversion, like the alternative burial, would largely serve the many immigrants from the former Soviet Union whose Jewish lineage is in question. During the past year, several burials were postponed for days, because Jewish burial societies would not

conduct them. Shetreet explained that, accord-

HAIM SHAPIRO ing to his plan, potential converts would undergo the conversion cer-

sent abroad to be validated. He did not say if the rabbinical courts abroad would be Orthodox. According to the Law of Return, any conversion carried out by a Jewish community abroad is valid, even though rabbinical Oded Irron, head of Menu courts in Israel do not recognize Conservative and Reform con-

The High Court of Justice recently appeared to accord limited recognition to a Reform conversion carried out in Israel, but the Interior Ministry has yet to act

versions for purposes of

emony here. Then, he said, the

conversion documents would be

At yesterday's ceremony, Shetreet issued licenses to three kibbutzim - Kfar Masaryk, Givat Haim, and Netry Halamed-Heb -

and three voluntary organizations. However, he withheld the license of a fourth organization, which was to serve the Tel Aviv area, due to a legal dispute.

Menuha Nehona, which has led the struggle for alternative burial and which received licenses for the Jerusalem, Haifa, and Beersheba areas, went to court yesterday in an effort to withhold a license from Mishkenot Olam in Tel Aviv.

Nehona in Jerusalem, said it a:peared that Mishkenot Olam is an Orthodox group. He said he doubts whether the group could, in good conscience, provide alternative burial.

Moshe Leibovitch, head of Mishkenot Olam, said his group is concerned with providing universal burial services, including traditional Jewish burial and alternative Jewish burial, as well as the burial of non-Jews.

Nasrallah vows

to continue attacks

HIZBULLAH leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrailah declared vesterday that attacks against the IDF and South Lebanese Army would continue, despite Israel's threats to

He also warned that Hizbullah would respond with Katyusha rockets on the Galilee if the IDF shelled villages north of the security zone and harmed residents.

retaliate.

"The only way for the enemy to avoid harm to its settlements is not to harm our civilians," said Nasrallah.

Interior Minister Ehud Barak, Likud chairman Binyamin Ne-tanyahu, and OC Northern Command Amiram Levine were among the thousands to attend Capt. Salah Zeidan's funeral yesterday at the Beit Jann Military Cemetery. Zeidan was killed on Wednesday by a Hizbullah suicide bomber.
Col. K, who had been in the

caravan's first jeep, eulogized Zeidan, saying, "He was constantly concerned that his soldiers received everything - news-papers, food. He would devotedly check the trucks, and after they left he waited to see if everything was OK and the soldiers weren't missing anything.'

Nasrallah, in a press conference in Lebanon, revealed that the suicide bomber. Ali Mounis Ashmar, 20, came from Adeisseh

village, near Taibeh, inside the security zone.

He said Ashmar, whose videorecorded message before killing himself was screened by Nasral-lah yesterday, had been recruited into the ranks of the suicide battalion some eight months ago.

Nasrallah said the suicide bomb attack proved the "many advances Hizbullah has made in monitoring the enemy's movements and collecting intelli-

gence."
"Of course we are improving. Does [Prime Minister Shimon] Peres think we are primitives and Third World beings?" said Nasrallah.

He maintained that the lone suicide bomber attack was the first of its kind in the security zone. "This will force the Zionist enemy to adopt complicated and cumbersome countermeasures to protect their movements," said Nasrallah. Nasrallah tried to dissociate

the latest attack from the international anti-terror summit in Sharm e-Sheikh, saying Hizbul-lah had been fighting the "Zionist occupation of Lebanon" since He also maintained that Hiz-

buliah acted on its own and did not receive instructions from Teheran or Syria to either escalate

or restrain its activities. Prime Minister Shimon Peres

said yesterday that the IDF will do "everything necessary, on the basis of operational considerations," in response to the recent wave of Hizbullah attacks in south Lebanon.

"What is done in the North will be done on the basis of operational considerations, and not media considerations," Peres told reporters, at a ceremony at Border Police headquarters in Lod marking the arrival of 42 new jeeps.

Barak said last night that ap-peals by the US for restraint evidently had no effect on Hizbullah, and only the IDF would decide how best to respond, Israel Radio reported.

For the first time, the Iranian Embassy in Beirut also issued a statement vesterday warning Israel against any action against the embassy or Iranian interests in Lebanon.

"The embassy of the Iranian Republic of Iran holds the Zionist entity and its American protectors responsible in advance for any aggression against it or any other [Iranian] institution in Lebanon or anywhere else in the world," the statement said.

The announcement was seen as an attempt by the Iranians to head off accusations by Israei of Iranian involvement in the latest wave of Hizbullah attacks in south Lebanon, in which six IDF

soldiers have been killed and (Continued on Page 20)

Soldier recalls encounter with bomber

STAFF Sgt. Assi Danan de-scribed yesterday how he con-fronted the suicide bomber who hurled himself at an IDF patrol inside the security zone, blowing mmself up and killing Golani Brigade Capt. Salah Zeidan.

Danan was in the jeep with the driver and the commander of the region, Col. K., when they saw a man standing by the road junction they were passing en route from Taibeh to the border crossing at Metulia.

The man aroused our suspicion because he was walking so slowly. The driver received inDAVID RUDGE

structions from the brigade commander to stop the vehicle," said

ing towards the jeep. I cocked my gun, on the orders of the commander, in the jeep and he ordered the man to stop," said Danan.

the call and made movements

with his hands as if to say everything was okay. It seemed very suspicious to me and I got out of the vehicle and fired a shot in the

"When I shot, the terrorist blew himself up. There was a big

(Continued on Page 20)

Einstein's manuscript on the Theory of Relativity donated to Israel Museum

ALBERT Einstein's earliest manuscript on the Theory of Relativity has been donated to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem by

the Jacob Safra Foundation. The autographed manuscript was sold privately, for an undisclosed sum, by Sotheby's auction house in New York. Sotheby's described it as one of the most important extant scientific manuscripts, the museum spokesman said.

The manuscript, which dates to 1912, consists of 72 pages, on which Einstein made several corrections. Since Einstein is known to have destroyed most of his manuscripts, the document is extremely rare, the spokesman said. It is Einstein's longest and most comprehensive exposition on his relativity theory - E=mc2, meaning energy equals mass times the speed of light squared. The document came to light in

1987 when a private owner sold it for \$1.2 million to an anonymous buyer. It was again offered for sale last Saturday by Sotheby's in New York, and bids went as high as \$3.3m., but failed to meet the owner's \$4m. minimum. It was then put on block.

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lem mayor Teddy Kollek, chairmuseum collection.' man of the museum's board, said

yesterday. Museum director Martin Weyl described the working manu-script as "a precious and historic document that will be a most welcome and proud addition to our

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IDF destroys two more homes

THE IDF destroyed the homes of Jerusalem on August 21, which two suicide bombers' families yesterday, bringing to six the number of houses demolished as a deterrent to further terror

Before dawn Thursday, troops moved into Kafr Karyut, about 30 kilometers south of Nablus. A military bulldozer plowed through the home of Labib Anwar Azem, the suicide bomber who blew himself up on bus No. 20 in Ramat Gan last July, killing six people and wounding 31.

In the village of Dhahiriya, a bulldozer razed the house belonging to Sufian Jabarin's family. Jabarin carried out the suicide attack on the No. 26 bus in

to the Middle East peace process.

siles available only through Israel.

he said.

CAIRO (Reuter) - Palestinian Authority President

Yasser Arafat, in an interview published yesterday,

produced what he said was new evidence of coopera-

tion between Israeli and Palestinian groups opposed

Arafat told the Egyptian government newspaper

"These weapons could be obtained only from high

"We have also come across high explosives the

like of which you cannot find in Arab countries. It is

hexogen and other highly effective explosive materi-

Security sources in Israel dismissed the latest alle-

gation, one calling it "an attempt by Arafat to divert

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Al-Ahram that the Palestinian authorities had con-

fiscated from Palestinian groups sophisticated mis-

authorities with great influence on the Israeli side,"

killed four people and wounded more than 100.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres reiterated yesterday that Israel would not let Islamic terrorism torpedo the peace process.

"The hopes of the people who send them [the bombers] is to place a bomb under the peace process. They will not explode the peace process," Peres said.

Earlier this week, Peres said he planned to expel Hamas activists. Up to a dozen, including family members of suicide bombers, are likely to be deported.

Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr said yesterday the steps taken against the families of suicide

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bombers, who were lured by promises of martyrdom, were likely to deter potential suicide bombers in the future.

"It can't be that a man who blows up a bus believing he will go to heaven doesn't know that his family will not just set up a mourner's tent and continue living its life as normal," Orr said on Army Radio.

"I know from credible sources that it will be a deterrent if [a suicide bomber] knew that some of his family will be deported, their home destroyed, and they will cease living normal lives after he decides to go to heaven," Orr

public opinion from the fact he is not doing enough

Arafat said the confiscated missiles included

These things are found only in training centers,

not with troops. The cooperation has been proved in

many domains and the Israeli government an-

nounced a few days ago it had found two Jewish girls

uncovered in Syria in recent days and which shows

that these [Palestinian dissident] organizations have

been penetrated. Is all this a coincidence?" Arafat

Palestinian police in Bethlehem on Wednesday

put on display three collaborators who said Israel's

General Security Service had urged them to attack

Jewish Agency for Israel

"Then there's the Israeli spy network which was

in Jerusalem cooperating with Hamas," he said.

to catch the terrorists of Hamas."

LAW (light anti-tank weapon) systems.

Orr said the harsh measures would be worthwhile even if they prevent just one suicide bombing.

Also yesterday, the army arrested eight men from Judea and Samaria suspected of involvement in Hamas and Islamic Jihad. The raids took place in villages near Nablus, Hebron, Jenin, and Ramallah. All of the men were handed over to security forces for interrogation, the IDF

In the past week the IDF arrested over 155 suspected Islamic Meanwhile, in Gaza City, hun-

dreds of Palestinian police raided

a building yesterday after receiving a tip that an Islamic unlitant suspected of masterminding four recent suicide bombings was hiding there, Palestinian sources told-

Several Hamas members were arrested in the 1 a.m. raid, but not the most wanted Mohammed Dief, suspected head of Izzadin. Kassem, Hamas's armed wing. Peres has conditioned any futureredeployment of troops in the West Bank on Dief's arrest.

newly formed security zone. The troops from the IDF Ord-Palestinian Police sources said

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the police were fired upon when they raided the building and they returned fire. Three policemen were injured in the shootout, wit-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Force 17 commander en route to Gaza Col. Mohammed Natour, the head of the PLO's Force 17 commando and regarded as one of the most notorious terrorists who ever operated against Israel, left Amman on Wednesday for Cairo intending to cross into Gaza at Rafah, Palestinian security sources said. Natour, better known as Abu Tayeb, was in charge of Yasser Arafat's personal security for many years and is expected to be appointed to a senior security

Man killed, 20 children hurt on roads A Tamra village man was killed yesterday when he lost control of the commercial vehicle he was driving and hit two trees near. the entrance to the village. In another accident, 20 children were lightly injured in the afternoon near Ashdod when their minibus overtamed after being hit from behind by a truck while stopped for a red light. They were taken to Ashkelon's Barzilai Hospital.

Amir verdict due on Wednesday Tel Aviv District Court Judges Edmond Levy, Saviona Rotlevy, and Oded Mudrich will issue their verdict this coming Wednesday against Yigal Amir, who is accused of the premeditated murder of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Baram hospitalized after feeling weak Tourism Minister Uzi Baram was hospitalized yesterday at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital after complaining of weakness. Baram was admitted to the cardiology department and will remain under observation for 48 hours, the hospital Judy Siegel spokeswoman said yesterday.

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Bereaved mark first Lebanon suicide attack

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THE bereaved families sat under a canopy in Metulla yesterday as wreaths were laid at the base of the memorial for the 12 soldiers killed in the first suicide bombing attack - 11 years ago in the then-

nance Corps died in the explosion of a Hizbullah suicide car bomb alongside their Safari truck, just by the border fence, near Metulla. Fifteen soldiers were wounded....

The attack occurred just a few months after the IDF had withdrawn from the rest of Lebanon, after the three-year "Peace for Galilee" operation, to what is now the security zone. It was the first suicide attack in the 20ne, following similar operations by Hizbullah fanatics in other parts of Lebanon, including the Tyre

Hizbullah has not changed its tactics, only varied them, using better intelligence and more modern and sophisticated devices. The war against the extremist Iranian-backed organization contimes.

Ibribim Hatib, a resident of the Druse village of Beit Jann and father of one of the soldiers killed in the Safari, spoke on behalf of the bereaved families. He noted that the village, which has lost 49 of its sons in Israel's wars, is once again in mourning for another: Capt. Salah Zeidan, 23, who was killed by a Hizbullah suicide bomber in the security zone on

"We have families who have lost their only son, and two of their sons, and families which have lost their father and a son, leaving behind them two widows in the same family," said Hatib.

Northern Command chief of staff Brig.-Gen. Benny Lidor said he could not promise that Zeidan would be the last fatality in southern Lebanon.

"We are engaged in a hard, complex war against people who don't intend to come back," said Lidor. "This war requires careful calculations, responsibility, surprise, and especially staying power." he said.

Danny, one of the soldiers wounded in the Safari attack, was among those who participated in the service. He spent two months in Haifa's Rambam Hospital receiving treatment for his injuries and a further three months

convalescing.

He said it is hard to visit Metulla while the same war is still raging across the border. "This is a lovely place to visit. I'm looking forward to the day I can do it in a time of peace," said Danny, a resident of Beersheba.

Avi, also wounded in the Safari attack, said he "would like to think that, nevertheless, things will get better and the attacks will come to an end. I would tell the soldiers serving here today to carry on and not to despair. We have to trust in the government and all that is being done.

"I think, however, that the time has come to end our restraint and begin to act. We restrain ourselves and we get hit. We must continue to act - and more forcefully."

Arafat committed to changing Charter

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is committed to amending the PNC Charter by May 7, despite seeing the closure as a violation of Israel's commitments, a spokesman

for Arafat said yesterday. Nabil Abourdenah said an adviser of Arafat's, Khaled-Salam, was not speaking for the chair-man when he stated on Wednesday that the Palestinian National Council will not convene to amend the charter until the closure is lifted.

definitely meet in April" to discuss amending the charter. Bill Hutma

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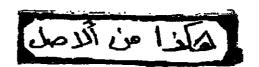
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Prime Minister Shimon Peres takes the wheel of one of 42 new jeeps received yesterday by the Border Police at a ceremony at its Lod headquarters. Also attending were Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal, OC Border Police Cmdr. Yisrael Sadan, and Police Inspector-General

Third Way beset by internal wrangling

THE Third Way got off on the wrong foot yesterday, with internal wrangling over its list of Knesset candidates. MK Emanuel Zissman yesterday demanded to see all the documents relating to . Wednesday's party elections to check the exact results and how they were reached.

Yehuda Harel, elected to the No. 2 position, is threatening to quit over the final composition of the list he will have to work with. Other candidates accused party leader Avigdor Kahalani and ·Harel of manipulating the results.

- The ballot points were checked - and recalculated several times before the party's council's final results showed it had rejected the secret list of recommended members prepared by the voting committee, and granted the first three slots after Kahalani to Harel, Zissman and party director Uzi Keren

Zissman and Keren had been

Gesher decides

to let

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sidered up to now to be a safe

spot. Zissman is asking to check

the results to see whether he did

not actually win more points than

Harel - the published difference

was three points between them.

Zissman burned his bridges with

Labor when he moved over to The

Third Way and its Knesset faction.

the elections as "democratic" and

said the condemnation of the

results could be attributed to dis-

appointment by candidates who

failed to attain good positions.

Kahalani yesterday described

recommended for non-realistic slots by the voting committee. Eli Malka, who this week resigned his position as the head of the Golan Heights Settlements Council, was moved from third place on the recommended list to seventh slot on the final version.

The bad feeling which erupted with the news of the secret list and peaked when the final results were published could cause the downfall of the party, which is struggling to base its image on clean politics and a united front to attract potential voters deterred by the infighting in Labor and the joint Likud-Tsomet-Gesher list.

The greatest tension could be felt between Harel and Zissman and Zissman and Kahalani. Both Harel and Zissman are founder members of The Third Way who had fought for the No. 2 slot, con-

Soldiers primaries ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

DAVID Levy's Gesher Party rejected a proposal last night that he single-handedly choose which candidates the party will insert into the Likud Knesset list.

- According to Levy's deal with the Likud, Gesher will receive seven safe slots on the Likud list. Levy is to be No. 2, between Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu and Tsomet's Rafael Eitan.

The voting will be done by an "assembly of 200 "Gesher founders." This assembly itself was not elected by anyone, but appointed by Levy, as the new party lacks any elected forums.

Prior to his deal with the Likud, Levy had boasted that his new party would "teach all others a lesson in democracy. Our candidates would be chosen in the fairest and most impartial method conceivable."

In the specified slot system, if the candidate failed to win the -particular slot he had chosen, he would have been off the list entirely. That would have opened the door for a bloc of candidates to set up a deal and have all of their supporters vote for a single

Levy indicated that he is not 'averse to the idea, as it would spare Gesher the infighting resulting from a vote.

MK David Magen, then Levy's brother Maxim, former ambassador to France Yehuda Lankri, former Likud MK Michael Kleiner, and finally Levy sidekicks Motti Mishani and Ya'acov Bardugo are expected to follow Levy on the list.

Hamas activists form party in Gaza

Hamas activists yesterday formed an Islamic political party in selfruled Gaza to oppose the Israel-

PLO peace accords. Palestinian sources said the Islamic National Salvation Party (INSP), which did not adopt armed resistance in its platform, could be the main legal opposition group to Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction of the PLO in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

can't vote in

THE IDF has barred soldiers from voting in the Meretz, Labor, and Likud party primaries next week because procedures for them to cast ballots anonymously were

not arranged.

The IDF said that it had been prepared to allow those soldiers registered with political parties to vote in their primaries if hey could do so anonymously.

"Until now, none of the parties has provided any procedure for this," an IDF statement said.

Currently, any soldier who asks for leave to vote next week risks unveiling his or her political leanings - something the army wants to avoid - since each party is holding its primaries on a separate

Ĺikud spokeswoman Ronit Eckstein said the Likud understood the problem and MK Silvan Shalom had initiated a bill to hold all the primaries on the same day, but it had been delayed. Yoram Dori, Labor spokesman,

called on the IDF to allow the soldiers to vote anyway.

"We are very sorry that the technicalities could not be worked out and we are aware of the fact that the army does not want its troops' political identities to be revealed. Nevertheless, we still call on the army to allow the soldiers to vote," he said.



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Begin repeats claim of PA-Hamas terror accord

THE Palestinian Authority has not outlawed Hamas despite its statements to Israel, MK Ze'ev Begin (Likud) said yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference in Jerusalem, Begin repeated his claim that Hamas and the Palestinian Authority have reached an agreement allowing Hamas to carry out attacks on Israelis, as long they are not traceable to areas under the authority's control.

Begin said there was no sign that the Palestinian Authority had banned Hamas, since nothing had been published in the Arab press and no written warnings had been distributed. The Palestinian Authority had only promised "to continue to examine" possible steps including outlawing the terror groups, Begin said.

He said it makes no difference whether there is only an understanding or a written agreement between the two organizations, just as Israel is demanding

Hizbullah respect understandings they have reached without a written obligation.

Begin based his assessment on a full report on a meeting and joint press conference in Cairo in December between the PA's Selim Za'anoun and Hamas's Khalid Mash'al, as well as statements and actions by Yasser Arafat and other Palestinian Authority officials. He said the authority had granted Hamas "a license to kill" as long as it does not embarrass the PA by acting in its areas until after the full IDF redeployment and the Palestinian elections. In return, the Palestinian Authority had promised to protect Hamas, he said.

Begin strongly criticized Prime Minister Shimon Peres for ignoring reports on the situation. In particular he recalled the Knesset

Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee meeting in January, a month before the latest terror wave, in which Begin told Peres of the agreement only to be told by the latter: "I don't know of any such agreement. And I don't care."

Asked why he repeatedly made the claim of an agreement despite the fact that senior military officials and cabinet ministers have denied it, Begin used the example of Lt. Binyamin Siman-Tov, who warned of the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War in 1973, when Military Intelligence was unprepared for it. "It is not the rank that counts. In order to reach intelligent conclusions, you do not always need Military Intelligence."

He also quoted previously unpublished sections of a report by Brig.-Gen Ya'acov Amidror, head research in Military

Intelligence. Amidror's interpretations have been criticized by Peres and the chief of staff. According to Begin, Amidror told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on March 12: "Arafat believed that the genie would remain in the bottle as long as it suits the interests of the Palestinian Authority. The understanding reached in Cairo in December 1995 between his representative and the representative of Hamas which although it did not turn into an official agreement has dictated the behavior in practise of both the Hamas and the Palestinian Authority since then - symbolizes this more than anything.

Begin also quoted prime minis ter Yitzhak Rabin, who told the Knesset in April that any understanding or de facto agreement between the PLO and Hamas on the possibility of the continuation of terror would prevent the imple-

Liba'i: Arafat, Hamas never signed deal

ARMY intelligence never told the cabinet that the PLO and Hamas signed an agreement in Cairo last December, Justice Minister David Liba'i said vesterday in response to charges by MK Ze'ev Begin (Likud) that there is such an agreement.

In a press statement, Liba'i said that according to an intelligence briefing given to the security cabinet, the PLO had been negotiating with Hamas's military wing on an agreement

to stop terror against Israel entirely. When the two groups met to sign a draft of **EVELYN GORDON**

this agreement in Cairo on December 22, however, Hamas wanted to introduce two changes, Liba'i said: it wanted to be permitted to conduct attacks from areas not controlled by the Palestinian Authority and it wanted the right to respond to "Israeli aggression" in any way it saw fit. When the PLO refused to agree to these changes, the deal fell apart, Liba'i said. Only after the negotiations had reached a

dead end did Hamas decide to continue committing attacks once Ramadan ended, Liba'i

"MK Benny Begin erred if he thought any agreement was signed in Cairo between the PA and Hamas or any other Islamic movement," Liba'i said.

Liba'i added that Begin should be allowed to see the protocols of the army's report to the security cabinet. This, he said, would be better than having him try to publicize classified documents in order to prove his point.



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Was there an agreement?

ny) Begin has attempted to force the government to give the December 22 PLO-Hamas agreement the kind of attention it

The existence of such an agreement (or "understanding," as the intelligence community prefers to call it) is beyond dispute. Yasser Arafat himself confirmed it yesterday to the press after his meeting with Environment Min-ister Yossi Sarid and Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban. He said the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin had approved his dialogue with Hamas, and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak blessed the agreement once it was concluded.

What is in dispute is the contents of the understanding. Arafat says it obligated Hamas to suspend all "military operations," and that the Hamas broke it with its suicide attack on the No. 18 bus in Jerusalem on February 25. But according to Begin, a March 12 report submitted by Deputy OC Intelligence Brig. -Gen. Ya'akov Amidror to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee (and which Amidror would have presented at a congressional hearing had Prime Minister Shimon Peres not aborted his trip to Washington) tells a considerably different story.

In his report, Amidror asserts that, "In the framework of this understanding, Hamas undertook not to act against Israel and Israelis from territories under the control of the Palestinian Authority until the IDF's redeployment and the elections to the Palestinian Council are completed. Since then, Arafat has done virtually nothing to combat the operational infrastructure of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, while the latter two exploited this to prepare the series of terrible strikes.'

The nature of the understanding was confirmed by Arafat's chief negotiator with Hamas, Selim Za anoon, acting chairman of the Pales-time. National Committee (PNC) - the body expected to repeal the PLO Covenant in May. Candid about the agreement's purpose, he

spelled it out to Arab journalists on December 22: "This should be understood by all. We are not the defenders of the Israeli entity [sic]. We consider it sufficient to obligate Hamas not to embarrass the PA, which is responsible for security in the areas it has received, and from

OWING to resign from the Knesset if he is proved wrong, Likud MK Ze'ev (Benton Spare itself Hamas attacks, it had better hurry and withdraw from the rest of the territories."

Nor was it merely Za'anoon's opinion. Informing journalists that he had called Arafat to report on the agreement, he assured them that Arafat had responded, "Allah bless you. This is good, this is nice.'

Hamas, too, understood the agreement's purpose. Its own representative to the talks, Khaled Mash'al, said on the same occasion, "Hamas views its action as support for the Palestinian negotiators [with Israel] and the Palestinian

That the government would prefer to interpret the agreement benignly is only natural. But, puzzlingly, it has chosen to deny its existence altogether. When a month before the bombings Begin asked Peres for his opinion of the agreement, Peres said, "I don't know of such an agreement, and I don't care."

Yesterday, Justice Minister David Liba'i also denied the agreement existed. He said that when the PLO and Hamas met to sign a draft in Cairo on December 22, Hamas wanted to introduce two changes: that it should be permitted to conduct attacks from areas not controlled by the Palestinian Authority, and have the right to respond to "Israeli aggression" in any way it saw fit. When the PLO refused to agree to these changes, Liba'i asserted, the deal blew up.

But it is difficult to accept this version of events - not only because of Arafat's own statement to the press on Wednesday and the negotiators' statements on December 22 - but because the PA has indeed been treating Hamas as allies. In fact, the mastermind of the recent bombings, Mohammed Dief, was negotiating with PA Preventive Security chief Mohammed Dahlan in Gaza both before and after the first Jerusalem bombing. Now at the top of Israel's wanted list, he is still at large.

The government is unlikely to heed Begin's advice to list the implementation of the Oslo agreement as a result of these revelations. But with a well known political figure putting his career on the line, it should at least treat the matter seriously enough to investigate the allegations. Israelis have a right to know if Arafat is merely lax and irresponsible in his treatment of the terrorists, or an active collaborator in the terrorist war against Israel.

Salute to the Druse

CLINTON'S VISIT

Sir, - Will the Israelis allow

themselves to be swayed by a Holly-

wood production starred in by an

American president who will in all

likelihood not win re-election, so

distrusted is he by his own people?
Is the modern Israeli so childlike

as to actually believe the American

president gives a damn about what

eventually happens to Israel or the

Israeli people? Bill Clinton is here

for one reason and one reason only:

to re-establish an ill-thought-out and

ill-conceived "peace process" be-

cause the appearance of peace in the

Middle East will help him in his

own re-election campaign. Like his predecessor George Bush, he is attempting to manipulate the Israeli elections to benefit the interests of

the US; this is not evil, this is not

wrong, it is as it should be. It is the

job of the American president to do

what is in the best interests of his

It is, however, the responsibility

of the Israeli people to see through

the subterfuge and not allow them-

selves to be impressed by his visit,

to stand up and be strong and proud

and independent of the manipulative

political maneuvers of the American

president. Because when all is said

and done it is not the American

president who will sacrifice his chil-

dren on the alter of peace; only we

have been asked to do that, and only

we can decide if that is the price we

ROBIN GREENSPAN

are willing to pay.

an escalating war in Lebanon, the statistics may be instructive. The number of guerrilla operations has increased from 350 in 1993 to 400 in 1994 and to 600 in 1995, exacting a toll of more than 20 Israeli fatalities a vear. Every month Hizbullah gets more sophisticated, better trained, better organized, and bolder. The training of its troops is done on Syrian-ruled territory, and some of its most advanced weapons are Syrian.

But for a true measure of the pain Hizbullah inflicts on Israel, one should go to the Druse community. In the town of Beit Jann, whose population is 7,000, Capt. Salah Zeidan, 23, killed by a Hizbullah suicide bomber on Wednesday, was the 49th military fatality. His brother, too, was killed in military service.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TOTAL SHOCK

"UK tour operators ban trips to cap-

ital, Tel Aviv," has truly left me and

my colleagues in the tourism indus-

the recent and current IRA bomb-

ings in London any ban having been

issued to Israelis to stop visiting the

UK. Furthermore, no ban was ever

issued by the British tour operators

to UK tourists, to stop visiting the

US (Oklahoma/New York/Florida),

Paris, Belfast, Tokyo, which have

unfortunately experienced terrorist

Israel retaliate immediately and is-

sue a similar ban on all Israelis visit-

ing the UK until the decision will be

made to cancel the UK operators'

DISTASTEFUL

of March 14 completely lacking hu-

mor and quite frankly distasteful.

Sir, - I found the Oleg caricature

Do you really view Hamas, Hiz-

bullah and Mr. Binyamin Netanyahu

as the same? Insimuating that these

three have the same interests is out-

upset by a caricature, but this one

was insulting to me not only as a

supporter of the Likud, but also as a

RONNIT M. SCHMELL

democrat, an Israeli, and a Jew.

Some many think it petty to be

rageous, if not criminal.

DAVID STEINBERG

May I respectfully suggest that

attacks over recent months.

vendetta on Israel.

Bnei Brak.

Rebovot.

I do not recall at any time during

try in total shock.

Sir, - Your report of March 13,

OR those who tend to forget that there is Altogether more than 250 Druse soldiers have fallen in battle for the State of Israel.

> Indeed, the Druse contribution to the country's security is unequaled. No community has sacrificed, per capita, as many of its sons as Beit Jann has done. Not are there any communities whose spirit of voluntarism, courage, and morale can surpass those of Beit Jann. It is something various government departments ought to remember when the town demands allocations and attention.

> But Israel owes more to the Druse than their fair share of the national pie. Israelis must ensure that a special place in the fabric of the country's life is reserved for the Druse, and that the salute to Zeidan and his comrades is not the last gesture of recognition and esteem made to the Druse community.

> > Sir, - Rabbi Harvey Meirovich's

article, "Game of life" (March 13),

offers an overly simplistic call for

unity. Job may be a heroic figure to Meirovich, but the facts are that Job

does not get his family back. Meiro-

vich sounds like those rabbis who

justify our suffering because our

mezuza on the door may have been

halachically defective. Let me as-

sure the good rabbi, as one who

mourns two cousins in the Tel Aviv

bombing, that, like Job, my loved

So please, spare me from textual

abuse to serve a naive call for unity,

especially if unity is not the rabbi's

game of life," which is evident by

his exhortation to pluralism, even as

he peppers his article with male-

dominant language. My "comfort

and warmth" will come from re-

spect and honesty, not whimsical

'PAX AMERICANA'

"Buchanan and Oslo," was quite

incisive. It neglected to mention,

however, that America has in fact

previously departed from areas it

had committed to protect, like Leba-

non after the Marines were bombed

by terrorists. This record makes Par

Americana on the Golan even less

enticing. Patriot missile batteries are

starting to look good by comparison.

Sir, - Your editorial of March 1,

JOAN SHULKIN

MÓTTI HATULI

ones will not return.

sermons on unity.

Jerusalem (Clinton, N.J.)

And the sheep go on chewing All this in a single day. ... OR 20 years and more we have been raising sheep in the Northern Negev. We **ARIEL SHARON** necessarily what's needed know them, we love them, and what happened in Jerusalem, could have been done before the Ashkelon and Tel Aviv. A fearful we watch them wander and graze. latest wave of terrorist attacks erupted. It might have been possi-

shock for a few days - then back to chewing the cud. We act in We enjoy the tranquil sight of a flock of lambs in a pasture, trotexactly the same way as those ting in line like a swarm of bees, gamboling happily while their

CASUALTIES CASUALTIES

tranquil grass-eaters. We've heard the government's Even though we're approaching the end of the 20th century. pompous explanations, uttered with false calm, ostensibly projecting weighty considerations predators still prey on the herd and have gone back to our own

ble to prevent it, or at least some What lessons must we learn now which couldn't have been

absorbed before? But the flock of sheep pays the price, and drifts back into its rou-

Predators attack. The herd panics. Loud bleating. Then the attackers go

and it's back to the old routine

affairs, to field or factory, office or business, to the Far East or South America, to the gambling tables or the ski slopes. The entertainment spots are full. Airport counters strain under the piles of passports.

IT'S clear beyond all doubt that the government has disregarded the warnings and alerts from all those in charge of our security. These warnings have made not the slightest impact.

Whatever is being done now happening in Lebanon, and to and it's relatively little, and not

The government proclaims it will act wisely and responsibly, and regularly announces: "Whoever tries to harm Israel will be punished right away."

And "We'll draw conclusions." And "We'll act coolly.... They are restraining themselves, and so are we Peace will defeat terrorism.... The solution must be a We've political one.... approached the Americans, who

will speak to Syria." We've received messages, not

When Jews were harmed in the Diaspora, the community leader ship would hastily run to the authorities and ask for help; here; too, under British rule; when Jews were attacked and hurtithe community leadership would sun? to the British High Commissioner: and plead for protection: The commissioner would express! regret and announce that "the. police were investigating."

Nothing has changed. Now, too, the community leadership has asked Syria for protection from Hizbullah - Syria, which wants Hizbullah to exist and continue its activities.

it's the same with Arafat, who desires the continued existence of the Hamas infrastructure; but we're asking him to defend us from it.

rom it. In the old days, the leaders would go to the willigh. Commissioner; today, they approach a real friend, the US But the principle is the same :

We could take the instistive in the war on terror, force Hizbullah and Hamas to go on the defensiven But the grass-eaters hear what's: happening, and stay silent. They just go on chewing the cud.

The writer, a Likud MK, is a former defense minister.

frustrating choice for voters ें हो हत्व प्रशास्त्र हैं। विश्व भी र बे रहें। अबीधन भी दिल्ल

Being torceu to "between plague and cholera" is Hebrew's some EING forced to choose what brutal way of expressing the uncomfortable position of finding oneself "between a rock and a hard

mothers graze farther afield.

wolves, hyenas, wild dogs-

out to the skies.

When one of these penetrates

the herd and kills a lamb or two,

a wave of panic passes among the others, and their bleating cries

But, minutes after the slaving.

when the beasts of prey have

gone, the sheep all return to crop-

ping the grass or chewing the cud as though nothing had happened.

This is the serenity of grass-

And we two-legged creatures,

how do we behave? Educated,

wise and experienced, are our

With explosive charges and sui-

cide terrorist bombers, with

heavy shelling and ambushes in

South Lebanon a daily occur-

rence, we revert to silence after a

That's how we react to what is

actions any different?

momentary fright.

More than ever before, this is the choice that will confront the very large number of Israeli voters come May 29.

Elections are rarely decided by a single, overriding issue. This one, however, will be different: The politicians who have been arguing that this election will in effect constitute a referendum on the "Oslo peace process" with the Palestinians are correct.

Public opinion polls since the conclusion of the Oslo agreements in September 1993 have been impressively consistent: A significant majority of Israelis - those who make up the large pragmatic middle - bave consistently expressed support for the basic

decision to depart from the previous status quo and strive for a viable compromise with the These pragmatic Israelis even went along with an initially unwilling and suspicious Yitzhak Rabin, who had come around to the belief

reached with the Palestinians represented by the hated Yasser Arafat and his PLO. Their support for this revolutionary departure was conditioned. however, on any compromise guaranteeing Israel's collective security

and the personal security of indi-

that a compromise could only be

vidual Israelis. Two and a half years later this "peace process" has undeniably reaped significant benefits for israel on the international scene and in spurred economic development; but so far it has failed miser-

ably in terms of a tradeoff of terripaign, and even more on the policies and actions they actually purtorial concessions to Palestinians in exchange for sued.

YOSEF GOELL

In this regard Peres has a much enhanced security. This large bloc of hopeful but very skeptical middle-of-the-road Israelis is now faced with the difficult choice of Peres or Netanyahu. Labor or the Likud as the best bet

more serious credibility problem than Netanyahu. In contrast to his skeptical prede-

cessor, Rabin, Peres has been as unalterably committed as a politician can be to the concept of total identification of Israel's interest mise with the Palestinians back on

Come elections, many voters will cast their ballots 'not out of love for Mordechai, but from hate of Haman'

the rails - or going off on a thus far uncharted alternative track.

for putting the envisioned compro-

In the last few weeks, since the renewed spate of murderous Hamas terrorism and Hizbullah attacks in the North, Labor Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Likud contender Binyamin Netanyahu have been addressing their electoral messages to this middle electorate.

In his "declaration of war" on Hamas, Peres appears to have jettisoned his earlier rhetorical emphasis on the overarching need to proceed with the peace process regardless of the price in security. And Netanyahu seems to have soft-ened the Likud's total opposition to the Oslo Process by speaking of its striving for peace, but " a different

Should either man be believed? No sensible voter ought to let himself be gulled into attaching much credence to anything politicians say in the heat of an election campaign. Instead, attention must be focused on the courses they consistently espoused before the camwith that of Arafat and the PLO. A prudent voter can thus only

conclude that if Peres is elected he will return as soon as possible to a policy of rapid, fargoing concessions to the Palestinians - including the functional and even geographical division of Jerusalem; and an even more dangerous withdrawal from the Jordan Rift Valley, regardless of Arafat's failure to live up to his security commitments.

Peres's determination to withdraw from all of the Goian Heights once he is over the hurdle of elections is even more obvious. As opposed to Peres and his

unambiguous record, which stands in clear contrast to his more recent election rhetoric, Netanyahu's credibility problem is of a different nature, but no less serious.

He has no record whatsoever of performance in office, no record of difficult choices made while in power. He is also saddled with a party and with potential right and religious-bloc coalition partners who are totally opposed to any

peace process.

Under our previous electoral system, pragmatic voters in the middle could skirt the need for choosing between the two extremes represented by Peres and Netanyahu, and their respective parties by voting for an alternative middle way

and parties. The new law for the direct popular election of the printe minister and the buying off of alternative candi-dates for the premiership has effectively eliminated that alternative.

The Third Way, which began life

half a year ago with a potentially enthusing message to the large dis-gruntled middle electorate, could have provided a credible_alternative. Instead, it lost its way early on by choosing a not particularly attractive standard bearer, Avigdor Kahalani.

This week it became hopelessly embroiled in personal squabbling over who would be where on a list to which polls give a maximum of two to three Knesset seats.

Natan Sharansky's Yisrael Ba'aliya party, which originally, touted itself as a party that would also angle for the non-Russian vote, could have been another real alternative. Instead, at its convention this week, it chose an exclusively Russian list, giving up a broader role for a narrower but safer one.

But who ever said democratic elections offer easy choices? What is clear is that very many voters who will be forced to choose "between the plague and cholera" will be voting for Peres of Netanyahu out of negative motives - in other words, not out of love of Mordechai, but from hate of Haman.

The writer comments on public

POSTSCRIPTS

Some time ago I received a letter from the Rambam Hospital in Haifa saying I owed them money for treatment which I had not received

According to the attached bill, l was admitted on May 23, 1995, at precisely 9:28 a.m. I was examined by a specialist physician, then I had a urine test, then a discerning monitor of some kind (whatever that is), and finally an ultrasound. It all amounted to NIS 582.

I started to panic, until I noticed that I was admitted to the delivery room. I called to clear up the matter. The woman on the other side asked: "When did you give birth?"

At that I burst out laughing, and said, "Lady, I'm 75 years

She burst out laughing and said to someone in her office: "Here's another one." She promised to cancel the

charges and wished me well,

WHAT DOES a blind Jewish

grandmother most want to see? "I want to see my grandchildren and my greatgranddaughter!"

That was Menua Sternberg's first request after her sight was restored recently.

The 83-year-old immigrant from Ukraine arrived in the spring and settled in Haifa with her daughter and two grandchildrein. She lost her sight nine years ago due to cataracts, but doctors in Ukraine refused to operate on

her, citing her advanced age and a stroke she had suffered. But after examining her at Hai-

fa's Rambam Hospital, Prof. Benny Miller decided she was a candidate for surgery and operated on both eyes.

"It's difficult to describe" the feeling of seeing family for the first time, Sternberg said. "I want to thank the doctors and the State of Israel, that returned to me a good life."

A LONDON store had an unexpected going-out-of-business sale when a sheikh swooped in and bought its entire stock and even some of the fittings.

The sheikh, a member of the Qatar ruling family, paid 150 sofas, 150 chairs, 37 coffee tables and 80 table lamps, plus the shop's own wallpaper, its wooden floor and its till. 💫 : Martin Barnett, the owner of

Charlotte's soft furnishings and furniture shop, said the merchapdise will be shipped to Dubai. He declined to name his prize

customer, who he said had entered the store and asked to buy it, under the mistaken impression that the "Sale" signs meant the whole shop was on offer.

"Apparently, his third wife had been in during the summer and she liked the concept," Barnett said.

"There was a crowd of people waiting for my sale to start and everyone was astonished. Now, I £350,000 for the goods, including stock," he added. will have to find some new



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few words to my leftist friends:

After all the bad years of our ruling the territories, our accords with the Palestinians were and are an imperative, dictated by reality. They are inexorable. There is no way back

You, the initiators of this move, naturally support it. And that's fine. But please, hold the sere-

For 20 years I have been witness to the shameful sight of your singing, night after night, serenades beneath the window of the Palestinian sweetheart. But not only does she refuse to come out onto the balcony to lower a rope so you can climb up; not only does she decline to send as much as a kind smile your way; she sits there, ensconced in her room, mocking

As an Israeli Jew, I am ashamed. There is no response to your overtures of love. None. During the years of occupation, with all their injustices and travails, this may have been understandable. But nothing has changed since Yitzhak Rabin extended his hand true, most reluctantly - to Yasser Arafat on the White House lawn, or since we began withdrawing from the Palestinian population

For nearly 30 years you have been singing songs of peace from every possible platform. Our finest singers and instrumentalists have been rendering peace with supreme devotion, with heartwarming, inspiring fervor.

There's no counting the number of mass peace rallies you convoked, the spontaneous peace demonstrations you organized. where "pure-dreaming youth... spun hopes of the Day-to-Come, many holding the Israeli flag in one hand and the PLO flag in the other, and with tear-filled eyes sang songs of love and peace to our brethren in Nablus, Gaza and

And there were thousands of candles kindled in the plazas, twinkling in the dark - long before the memorial candles after Rabin's murder - and all the tiny flickering lights softly whispered, "Peace. Peace. International brotherhood and peace. Make love, not war."

And there were peace plays in the theaters. And guilt-drenched peace films, and endless breast beating in the cinematheques. And thousands of outdoor signs and posters, and numberless car stickers all calling for "Peace, peace unto all, the near and far."

And the pathetic appeals to the brothers beyond the Green Line: **AHARON MEGGED**

Come, let's meet, let's talk peace and love, for surely you know how much we love you, are all for you, always at your side, ready to grant your every wish... because you are right and we are treacherous and guilty. Yes, our hearts go out to you - go out so much that when intifada rocks and knives come to mind. we recall those lines from Natan Alterman's poem, Joy of the Poor. "Like a bird winging to its nest/Your heart goes out to the

AND WHAT of the other side? Not during the more than two decades of occupation and oppression, but the past two years: Have you heard songs of fraternity and peace addressing the Israeli nation in

Have you seen peace-proclaiming signs on Nablus rooftops, on Ramallah balconies?

When the one you are serenading mocks you, why keep on singing of love?

Have you seen a single peace sticker on a car bearing the territories' blue license plates?

Has one single Palestinian raised the Israeli flag alongside the Palestine flag as a sign of friendship between our two nations, as you have done in your peace demonstrations?

Yes, we have seen Israeli flags in Tulkarm and Ramallah - carried to the town square for burning.

SO HOLD the serenades. Please. Peace is welcome; no question. Because our aim is to live with the Arabs of this land, the indigenous Arabs, side by side, without war, without bloodshed.

And we have always lived in hope for peace, from when the Prophets said 'Nation shall not lift up sword against nation" through Ya'acov Rothblit's peace song.

But to sing love songs to one who turns you away, to one in whom your serenading evokes nothing but scorn, because to him your unrequited singing means you are a wimp, a weakling sans self-respect. To go on singing like that is disgraceful.

I could say: We've been there; 50 and 60 years ago, when we had a

ON SUNDAY - OUTLOOK DAY IN

Zionist Socialist political party that sang endless love songs to the Soviet Union and world Communism - Hebrew words set to heart-rending Russian melodies. Its members begged for reciprocal love: We too are realizing the Communist ideal, they said. We are with you, heart and soul. We defend you against all slanderers, at home and abroad.

But what they reaped was contempt and hostility, not love.

If I were to characterize this as the typical behavior of the Diaspora Jew, I would be insulting many generations of proud Jews who remained loyal to their faith. They did not toady to their foes, only kept their distance from them - at least till the Emancipation in Germany. When that happened, things changed, and we started seeing this groveling and self-deprecation.

But here? Now?

Living as we are in our own sovereign state, and not so weak that we must cower before those who hate us?

I hear that many of you, even now after the slaughters in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Ashkelon, have adopted the Christian tenet, "Love thine enemy" though he slay you - a tenet Christians never observed throughout the past two millennia.

If that's what you feel in your hearts - God be with you. I won't say anything against you. But don't turn it into a national slogan. It will be very difficult for us to fight, when it becomes necessary, under such a motto.

We aren't the first people in the world to conduct peace negotia-tions with people who were, or even still are, our enemies. It happened in South Africa between two populations fiercely antagonistic for three generations. Now it is happening between Britain and the

But the English, even the leftists, aren't singing love songs to the Irish Catholics. And Irish Catholics aren't mooning over the emerging peace with the British. The contacts are between leaders, official representatives, diplomats.

That is how it should have been here, too. Peace negotiations with enemies who have not ceased to be enemies, some, if not most of whom still dream that we will vanish off the face of this earth - such negotiations should be conducted in the driest manner possible, right-lipped, vigilantly, by those whom the nation has mandated to do so.

Without fanfare. Without sycophantic cant. Without love songs to those who love you not.

Nowhere in the world is there anything like the one-sided excitement here about entering the imagined "Peace era." We are unique. And as an Israeli Jew, I am

Make peace, not love!

The writer is a leading Israeli novelist. (Translated by Moshe

So many dishes, so much money

But wasn't King David's Feast

a little too much post-Zionist normality?

them.

Some of the diners got in free,

services to the Jewish people.

And some of the others will take

a charitable deduction on their

tax return, meaning that some-

one else is picking up about half

THIS PUTS things in proper proportion. Three hundred dollars is not a lot for such an

extravaganza of haute cuisine,

and everybody deserves a good

meal now and then, whether it's

in Beverly Hills, New York,

hedonism may be carrying post-

Zionist normality a bit too far. Not that we should be nostal-

Still, this sort of gastronomic

the cost of their meal.

London or Jerusalem.

presumably in return for their

srael may not have Charles or Diana or any other royals Lto fill the gossip columns, but it certainly doesn't lack for vices gratis. celebrities of the untitled varispent \$600 for dinner.

This week, 300 glitterati sat Convention Center to a sumptuous 12-course repast, prepared by 13 of the world's greatest

"King David's Feast," which lasted seven hours, seems to have been inspired by Cecil B. DeMille. Part of the Jerusalem-3000 celebrations, it was billed as "the culinary event of the century.

Although annoying distrac-tions like Hizbullah and Hamas kept it off the front page, the banquet did get some good coverage, including interviews with the chefs and features by breathless reporters on both TV chan-

In short, King David's Feast provided something for everyone: bread for those inside, a

virtual circus for everyone else. It's true that at \$600 a person, dinner was a bit pricey, but then the proceeds will go to the Biblical Heritage Preservation Museum - and in this country anything that is connected to Jerusalem or the Bible must be a good cause.

Besides, this sort of thing can help put Israel on yet another map; there will probably be a big spread about it in the next issue of whatever glossy journal epicures around the world read to find out who's eating what, with whom.

Of course, there are always a few puritans or party-poopers who look askance at such ostentatious displays, but they are obviously ignorant of how things actually work (or resentful that they didn't partake, and jealous of those who did).

First of all, whatever it cost to

this banquet would not have MARK A. HELLER made a dent in these problems, and no one can expect the diners to impoverish themselves in a gic for the old Israel, with its futile effort to meet Israel's quaint values of spartan mod-esty and egalitarianism. That Secondly, not everyone really

ture of commercialism and con-

sumerism, is more efficient,

productive and prosperous pre-

cisely because its citizens are

freer to decide their own priori-

ties rather than having a pater-

nalistic government decide for

Nevertheless, there is some-

thing faintly repulsive about a quasi-public orgy of conspicu-

ous consumption - especially when the Transport Ministry

can't find enough money for bus

guards, the school day lasts only

four and a half hours, and class-

Of course, the money spent on

es still have 40 pupils.

social needs. But a little less flagrant self-Israel, which was always more indulgence might be approprimyth than reality, is long gone; ate. And it is certainly reasonand the new Israel, with its culable to expect more sensitivity and a different cultural message We all deserve a good meal now and then. from the powers-that-be.

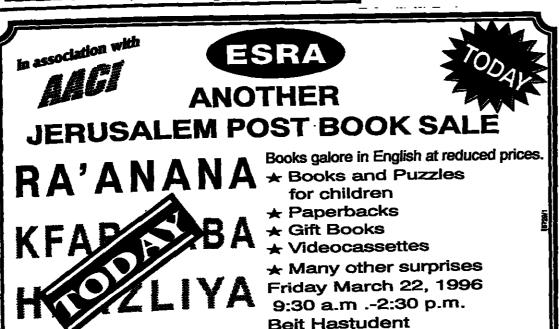
After all, Israeli taxpayers are included in the "someone else" who helped subsidize this chari table event.

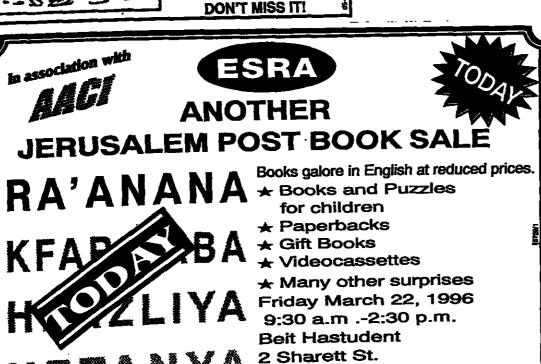
And even if they agree that the tribute to King David is value for money, and are content to bask in the reflected glow of those who came to dinner, there are taxpayers elsewhere who might take exception to the spectacle of so many people spending so much money on so many delicacies.

In a country which still gets \$3 billion a year in foreign assistance, King David's Feast leaves a bad taste in the mouth.

The writer is senior research associate at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv

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Police fearing a fifth collective suicide rounded up more than 30 members of the Order of the Solar Temple doomsday sect across France this week, investigators said yesterday.

The Interior Ministry said police had detained over 30 disciples since Tuesday after three months of surveillance based on a register of the cult's 576 members. French media said an unspecified number had been

released by yesterday afternoon. Sixteen sun worshipers, including several children, died in a remote French Alpine forest clearing in December, in the sect's fourth suicide-cum-murder.

Justice sources said the operation, involving some 200 police officers and ordered by Judge Luc Fontaine in the Alpine city of Grenoble, aimed to prevent a repeat massacre and focused near Paris, Lyon, Borde Montpellier and in the Alps. Bordeaux, Police had asked several school

heads to warn them to any pupu failed to turn up for suspicious

Investigators feared disciples could stage a collective suicide at the new moon on March 19 or to mark the anniversary of the burning at the stake in 1314 of Jacques de Molay, last grand master of the Knights Templar, a medieval order by which Solar Temple cult

is partly inspired.

The register, complete with individual measurements, appeared to have been used by a tailor who made the robes disciples wore in rituals fusing mysticism and paranoid delirium and borrowing freely from Roman Catholicism and freema-

Prosecutors described the December deaths as a mix of murder and suicide in a macabre ritual in which most of the victims, including three young children, were given drugs and had plastic bags pulled over their heads before being shot.

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has passed away.

The funeral will take place today, Friday, March 22, at 10 a.m. at Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Juvat Shaul,

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Tensions rise as US carrier moves toward Taiwan

TAIPEI (Reuter) - Superpower tensions escalated yesterday as the United States prepared to assemble its biggest armada in Asia since the Vietnam War in a show of support for Taiwan in its war of nerves against China.

The US move was matched by Beijing, which lashed out angrily at Washington for a Congressional motion to defend Taiwan in case of attack by China. Pro-China newspapers in Hong Kong warned of a "sea of fire" if the United States tried to make trouble in Chinese waters.

A US naval battle group led by the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Nimitz, its deck packed with warplanes, passed through the crowded sea lanes between Singapore and Indonesia and headed north into the South China Sea for a link-up with the carrier group headed by the USS Independence off Taiwan.

The US naval movements came in response to the most tense relations between China and Taiwan for decades. Tomorrow, Taiwan holds its

first presidential elections, which China is attempting to influence with military exercises and missile tests in the Taiwan Strait between

Taiwan and the mainland.

Beijing, which has regarded Taiwan as a rebel province since the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949, has said the elections could lead to the proclamation of independence by Taipei, which it has said it cannot accept.

The war games, which will straddle Taiwan's elections, were preceded by live-fire maneuvers in the south of the Taiwan Strait and missile tests perilously close to two Taiwan ports.

The US fleet, expected to

assemble off Taiwan tomorrow or Sunday, will include the two carriers, three nuclear-powered submarines, one guided missile cruiser, four destroyers and two frigates in addition to fuel and ammunition ships.

The United States has not said whether it will send a carrier through the international waters of the Taiwan Strait. But Secretary William



lot papers for tomorrow's first-ever direct presidential elections. 1.8 million people are expected to vote in the city.

Tomcat fighters. Hornet fighter-bombers, Intruder bombers, Hawkeye early warning aircraft, Vikings and Sea King helicopters.

Perry said this week that "America has the best damned navy in the world" and could do

Britain's EU partners push for beef boycott

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - Fears that mad cow disease could spread to humans pushed a growing number of Britain's European Union partners to shut the door on British beef yesterday and reinforced demands for an

France, Britain's main beef export market, led the way, followed by Belgium, after the British govern-ment admitted on Wednesday there could be a link between the fatal cattle brain disease, bovine spongi-

form encephalopathy (BSE and human the Creuzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CD).

Germany, where five states last month unilaterally banned British beef imports, pressed for an EU ban and the Netherlands said it expected to decide on Monday.

The European Commission, the EU's executive, aware of possible public panic, said it would act promptly after scientific experts had given advice.

Iraqi general defects to opposition in Jordan

AMMAN (Reuter) Jordan said yesterday that it had granted asy-lum to a former chief of staff of the Iraqi army who has defected to the opposition seeking to overthrow Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Information Minister Marwan Muasher said Staff-Lieutenant General Nazar Khazraji had asked to live in Amman: "He asked to come here and his request was

Opposition sources in Jordan said Khazraji had escaped through the autonomous Kurdish area of north Iraq on Tuesday and was en

route to Jordan. Although Khazraji was not active in the army Iraqi sources said he had been pushed out in 1990 and diplomats said he had not had a role for several years his defection is an embarrassment for

Diplomats said Khazraji, whose defection was first announced by the opposition Iraqi National Congress (INC) in London, was to be the star attraction at the opening of an opposition office in

However, Iraqi opposition sources in Amman disputed the INC description of Khazraji as army chief of staff during the 1990-91 occupation of Kuwait, saying he was removed in August 1990 after being ignored in preparations for that month's invasion

Farrakhan to US: I'm no foreign agent

WASHINGTON (Reuter) Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan has told the US Justice Department he is not a foreign agent and should not be forced to register as one, department offi-

cials said yesterday. They said a lawyer for the black Moslem leader sent a letter to the department denying he was a Libyan agent, and saying that requiring him to register would violate his First Amendment rights under the US Constitution.

The Justice Department had warned Farrakhan that he might have to register as a foreign agent. The issue arose after his 20-nation "world friendship tour" this year to Africa and the Middle East, including visits to Libya, Iraq and

Death of popular Denver journalist weaves bizarre mystery

DENVER (Reuter) In Denver, one bizarre death has led to another, leaving the city, its local news-paper and members of a wealthy amily in a state of shock.

In the space of 48 hours, a popular journalist was killed in a hitand-run accident and a member of

The Family

one of the city's richest families was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound as police surrounded his house. Police theorize that Spicer

Breeden, 36, took his life as a penance for killing Denver Post columnist Greg Lopez, 35, in the hit-and-run accident.

They said the tragedy began Sunday night when Lopez's car was tammed by a \$56,000 BMW speeding down a local road in a drag-race with a pickup truck. Lopez was killed instantly when his car, which was in the path of the racers, was thrown three meters into the air and crashed upside down.

Witnesses gave chase but the BMW hit speeds of 160 kph to get away. A paint chip left at the scene proved to be the vital clue in solv-

A BMW dealer and his staff studied the chip from the 1995 BMW 540i Sport and determined its color was Cosmos Black. A search of records found only three cars of that make, model, year and color delivered to Colorado.

Police said the BMW experts were "angels from God." The identification led authorities to Breeden, a real estate investor and great-grandson of industrial pioneer Charles Boettcher, who made his fortune selling goods to miners in the early days of Colorado

The Boettcher name graces the concert hall in downtown Denver and a foundation bearing the family name is one of the best known philanthropic organizations in the

Friends described Breeden as a temperamental and lonely man whose passion was driving fast.
Police surrounded his house but had to wait several hours for a a search warrant. When they finally entered, they found him dead, with his dog, Gambo, barking at his side. A note was found nearby.

His friends, who got telephone calls from the troubled heir on Tuesday, said he was so distraught he felt compelled to take his own

Meanwhile, staffers at the Denver Post were in shock. As a tribute, the newspaper reprinted one of Lopez' most touching columns written in 1994 after his daughter was stillborn and friends and family sent cards and flowers and said there must be a reason for such a tragedy.

"You can choose to believe that or not, but you can't choose when you will believe it and when you

Britain sets N. Ireland vote for May 30

LONDON (Reuter) Prime Minister John Major set May 30 as the date for elections leading to all-party peace talks in Northern ireland, but his plan immediately drew fire from all sides in the province.

In a statement yesterday to parliament, Major was the first to admit that the complicated electoral blueprint was a compromise that was not ideal.

The proposal, designed to meet the conflicting demands of rival Irish nationalist and pro-British Unionist parties, was variously described by members of parlia-ment as a "Rubik cube," "loony" and "a dog's breakfast."

and balanced, and said no sections would have an excuse to carry bute threats to beycott the poll and this said was the best cloud what he said was the best chance in a generation to bring lasting peace to British-raila Northern Ireland.

Voters will choose 110 members of a forum from which negotiators will be drawn for peace

talks starting on June 10.
Each of Northern Ireland 5 18. constituencies will elect five we members of the forum on a proportional representation system based on a party list, a method that has not been used before foroublic elections in Britain.

Sarajevo suburb anxious over its final boundary

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - Residents of a tense Sarajevo neighborhood waited anxiously yesterday for word from Bosnian officials meeting to decide the final boundary between Serb and Moslem-Croat territory in their area.

Talks were held as rebel Serbs in an area of eastern Croatia being returned to Zagreb's rule mobbed the US ambassador to the United Nations, Madeleine Albright, and stoned her motorcade.

A dividing line agreed at the Dayton peace conference last November runs through portions of the former Olympic village of Dobrinja near Sarajevo's airport, bisecting some apartment blocks and possibly even some of the

Four men were wounded when they triggered a mine yesterday along the former front line in the disputed area but it was not imme-

diately clear if the incident had anything to do with rising tensions in the area. UN police had said that a car

exploded on the Serb side of the line in Dobrinja on Tuesday d morning, killing its occupant. The cause of the explosion was i reports of gunfire in the same area; on the same day. Both the marmed UN police and

and NATO stepped up their pres-Dobrinja in an effort to easure that --residents remained calm and ... peaceful.

"Because of rising tensions and the increased possibility of violence there (in Dobrinja)... we is now have 48 monitors in the area, together with (NATO)," UN police spokesman Alexander Ivanko told reporters in Sarajevo yesterday.

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Former commandos tackle their way to the top

While getting a start as a commando in an elite IDF unit is not a sure ticket for promotion, it certainly helps. Arieh O'Sullivan

HALK up another one for the guys who served in the IDF's elite commando units.

investigates

The expected appointment of the bespectacled, mild-mannered Maj.-Gen. Dani Yatom as the next head of the Mossad marks yet another milestone in the promotion of former commandos to top security positions. Yatom's new post comes on the heels of former frogman Ami Ayalon's appointment as head of the General Security Service.

But the appointments are also another example of the growing phenomenon of former commandos taking over the upper echelon of the IDF and the country's security forces.

Former chief of staff Ehud Barak was accused of packing the general staff with ex-commandos. Most came from the General Staff Reconnaissance Unit, but other elite units were also tapped. The idea was that they excellence be used to permente throughout all the units of

Current army head Lt. Gen. Amnon Shahak has turned it into a tradition. Former com-Shahak's general staff include Maj. Gen. Amiram Levine, head of the Northern Command, Intelligence Chief Maj. Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, and Incoming OC Central Command Uzi

Dayan.
The deeper one looks into the IDF the more one will find the commanding roles filled by former members of elite units like the General Staff Reconnaissance Unit - known for its antiterror exploits - and Shayetet, the daring frogman unit. For a decade now there has been a push for commando officers to be integrated into the regular

Former frogmen now com-mand tank battalions. The Nahal corps is led by former underwater commando Brig.-Gen. Ran Glinka. The last head of the Jenin brigade alsopreviously led

a commando unit. While getting a start in an elite unit is not a sure ticket for promotion, it certainly helps.

But what sort of nonconventional minds is this bringing to the IDF command and, more importantly, what effect, if any, is it having on the country's mil-

only the best and most advanced materials, applied by responsible and conscientious workmen, our success rate is UNMATCHED. Makes you think, doesn't it. "DR. RETIVUT"





Yatom: Yet another ex-commando promoted to a top security position.

itary machine?
"They are bringing with them a lot of operational experience and they are usually very good in unconventional thinking and planning an operation, especially when it comes to unconven-tional attacks, says Ze'ev Schiff, a senior military corre-

wide logistical experience." he says, stressing it was important to balance them with generals who rose from other branches. Still, these men bring with them a record of bravery with-

out bravado. The commandos

spondent for Ha'aretz. "But they don't always have

tend for the most part to be a modest lot.

They shy away from the microphones, cameras and spotlights. They come from a different, higher culture - one of excellence. high motivation, credibility and honest reporting.

Their advantage over their contemporaries of, for example. the Golani battalion, is that when a commando finishes his mission he debriefs the chief of staff and other top generals; sometimes even the defense minister. So their names are known, whereas the military echelon is often unfamiliar with

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the commanders of larger

"It is quite understandable that capable people from elite units who are making a career out of the military are emerging along the top rung of the echelon, said Schiff.

"And if one of them makes it to a senior position, then it is only reasonable that he will try to get his friend there as well," Schiff says.

Actually, another reason for the phenomenon is that the concentration of high-caliber officers in small units created a pressure cooker effect.

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The army decided that the best "I am against this sort of group of blue blood that will be way not to lose those passed over for internal promotion was parachuted in to command other to weave them into alternative units. Not every graduate of an elite unit is suitable to command branches. But military historian Uri Milstein told Ma'ariv recently it a large army. I oppose units turning into a pool of position fillers in the IDF," Milstein was unhealthy to turn elite units

ders of the army in general.

into greenhouses for comman-Others say the proliferation in

the IDF of those with unconventional combat experience is a result of the conflicts presently taking shape in the military leadership.

Martin Van Creveld, a profes-

sor of military history at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, says one important reason former commandos are coming to the fore is because the role of the army is undergo-

ing a transformation.
"I can't say that they are bringing a nonconventional fighting sense. But what is true is that [the proliferation of excommandos in the top brass] represents an unacknowledged admission that the IDF, like other armies in the world, is

changing," Van Creveld says.
"In the future, its main tasks will increasingly consist not of defending against other countries," Van Creveld said, "but in fighting against sub-conven-tional warfare, guerrillas and terrorists,

"In fact, you might argue that this is all the IDF has been doing since the second week of the 1982 Lebanon War. The strange thing about it is that in my experience they are very reluctant to admit it," he says. "They don't like this change

in their role. It seems they are not very good at it. Over 20 years of trying to combat guerrillas in Lebanon and [many] years of trying to combat the intifada has proved it." Van Creveld says.

"When you tell them their future is to merge with the police they hate it.

"What they would really like [is] for these minor irritants to go away so they can get on with

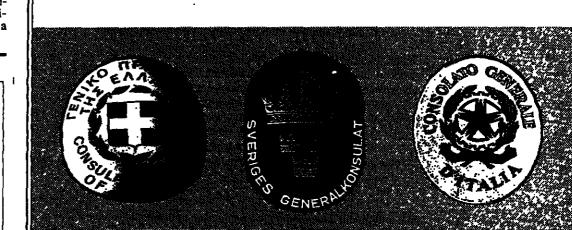
the business of war. Since the Yom Kippur War, the top slot in the army has been -

held exclusively by elite paratroopers. While Mordechai Gur, Rafael Eitan, Moshe Levy and Dan Shomron were "only" regular

Ehud Barak and Shahak both came from the General Staff Reconnaissance Unit. "This sort of selection has

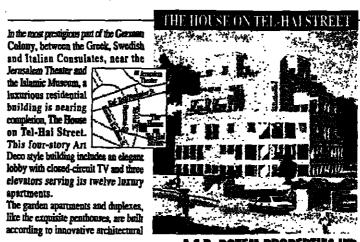
given rise to frustration in the other branches," Van Creveld says.
"Still, it reflects reality, albeit.

an unacknowledged reality. It reflects a fundamental change in order of priorities which is a shift from fighting armies to fighting guerrillas.'



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US-Israel security ties: Where are they going? **FEATURES**

HEN President Bill Clinton took Prime Minister Shimon Peres last week on Air Force One from Sharm e-Sheikh to Israel, he gave him some bad news. "It would be premature," Clinton said, for the US to sign a full-blown defense treaty with Israel, but he is willing to have aides hammer out something less in time for Peres's visit to the US in April.

Clinton made clear that a more propitious time for a treaty would be in conjunction with an Israel-Syria peace treaty. The president's words dashed Peres's hopes for a defense treaty, which while once favored by Peres's mentor David Ben-Gurion, is now opposed by virtually the entire Israeli defense establishment, because it could deprive Israel of its freedom to respond

Furthermore, it's unlikely that the requisite two-thirds of the Senate would support a treaty by

The format may have changed but the deadline remains the same. Aides in the Defense and Foreign ministries are scurrying to draft plans which they will use to draw up a strategic memorandum of understanding (MOU) with their US counterparts before Peres's visit.

Why the rush? Officials here make it clear that Peres wants a political victory weeks before the May 29 election and he could herald an MOU as a diplomatic achievement. The US wants to help Peres in the belief that his political fortunes and the peace process are closely intertwined. Therefore, a meeting with Arab leaders and an upgraded security relationship which were sup-posed to be outgrowths of a Golan deal are occurring, albeit in somewhat reduced forms, even in the absence of a deal with

If the MOU is considered "old wine in a new bottle," as one person put it, then it's likely to provoke backlash in Israel against what the public would perceive as manipulative. However, if the MOU provides genuine upgrading of the bilateral security relationship, this would be a totally different story.

The same was true with the Sharm e-Sheikh anti-terrorism conference. Likud spokespeople could complain this was a transparent effort by the international community to help Peres, but even Likud officials conceded

A strategic memorandum of understanding with the US could be either a genuine advance in ties or just pre-election grandstanding, David Makovsky writes

that if there is a genuine international effort involving specific. practical plans to counter terrorism, it should be welcomed.

THEREFORE, whether the MOU is seen as a sham or a genuine uptick in the strategic relationship between the two countries will rest in the details of the document. Israel has its requests. but it has yet to sit down with officials in the State Department. the Pentagon and the White House to negotiate the terms.

Israel's requests would include items that have been rejected before: a down-link station to receive US satellite images, higher-resolution satellite images than before, and broader intelligence cooperation. Furthermore. Israel would like Clinton, should he win a second term, to support indefinitely the current level of \$1.8 billion in military aid to Israel. While it is good that the administration supports foreign aid levels, foreign aid is decided

Finally, Israel would like US support to curb nuclear proliferation in the Arab world.

What does seem clear is that any MOU would definitely include elements that are already known about, such as: \$100 million in antiterrorism aid. announced by Clinton in Jerusalem last week; \$202m. over six years for phase three of the Arrow antimissile defense program: and perhaps assistance for the Nautilus laser antimissile program.

Moreover, there would be a reiteration of the US commitment to Israel's qualitative edge and a pledge for close consultations. Whether the MOU planned by Peres is new or merely a restatement of the past should not hide the fact that the security links between the two countries have become extensive. They range from periodic, top-level military talks to the Sixth Fleet's preference for docking at Haifa.

These links are a far cry from those in the early 1980s when secretary of defense Caspar Weinberger unsuccessfully tried to persuade President Ronald Reagan of zero-sum logic. He argued that even a mere agreement with Israel on medical evacuation units damaged US defense links to Arab allies in the Persian Gulf.

HOWEVER, IT is important to consider where the improved ties could lead. The broader question remains: Could the post-Cold War mood, which favors curbing commitments abroad instead of expanding them, but the ties?

According to one school of thought, the best hope Israel has for maintaining strong security ties with the US is to make sure it remains relevant to US regional security needs. That means Israel will continue providing the assistance - intelligence or otherwise - needed to protect the Gulf so the US can maintain a steady flow of reasonably priced

This notion may have seemed impossible only five years ago when the US wanted Israel to maintain a "low profile" during the Gulf war. It feared that visible links with Israel could hurt ties to the Arab world. Therefore, Israel was never integrated into the US Central Command (CENT-COMM) because this would require Arab militaries and the IDF to cooperate as part of a US command structure. Israel remains tied to the European

Command. However, on Tuesday, CENT-COMM head Gen. Binford Peay told the Senate Armed Services Committee that "the time is clearly coming" for Israel to be part of CENTCOMM, a revolutionary statement for someone whose predecessors felt even a mere visit to Israel would raise Arab suspicions.

Dr. Dore Gold, the Israeli academic strategist who wrote a 1988 study on the dispute between Israel and CENTCOMM, said, "You have to be relevant to regional needs because the US military will not tolerate the diversion of declining military resources for political purposes.

Basing arrangements and prepositioning for US needs in the Gulf and eastern Mediterranean are a specific way we can help the US at a time of shrinking

resources. BUT THE other school thought largely favored in Washington, says the closeness of Israel's security relationship() with the US, including integrals non in US regional military of the ning, rests upon the peacen

rocess.
Samuel Lewis, former USZ process. ambassador to Israel and former head of the State Department's 2 policy planning department's under Clinton, said, "Only they peace process eases the contrain dictory pulls between the USA relationship with Israel and USw ties with the Arabs. If the peace? process collapses and a footests Israel mentality prevails, it will weaken security ties. Being partiof CENTCOMM won't make the

difference." This brings the US back to the need for the peace process at continue, coupled with a deepseated concern that a Peres defeat; in May could signal its unraval-w ing; which would have prefound

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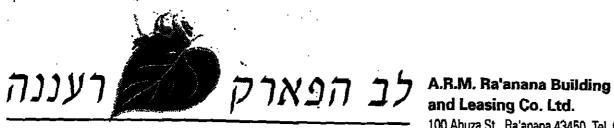
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Into the fray, Labor's publicity supremos waste ammunition

MICHAL YUDELMAN

AMBO-Barak Super-Ramon, called in to ensure Labor's victory in the elections, became a bit confused this week as to who is the enemy.

The two latter-day political knights - both of whom aspire to be Labor's post-Peres-era prime minister - donned their campaign capes and tights and charged. Not into the massed ranks of the Likud alliance, but at each other.

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu could not have hoped for a better holiday gift a free tableau as a backdrop to his central committee jamboree.

Were they fighting over seniority in Labor's election campaign. Or over the come first in the part, in maries?

From snippets of rumors and reports (all vehemently denied by the parties involved) the following picture emerges:

Ramon and Barak vied to head Labor's information campaign. Shimon Peres was advised by his confidant and media adviser Moshe Teomim to give Ramon the job, given his great success in Labor's 1992 election cam-

But behind-the-scenes adviser Giora Einy told Peres this would be a big mistake and urged him to take Barak instead. Einy reminded Peres it was Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, not Ramon, who orchestrated Labor's information campaign in:1992- · · · --

Peres took Solomen's sword to the issue and put Ramon in charge of the information campaign. Barak, still a novice in politics, would head his personal campaign. That turned out to be the start,

not the finish, of the problem.

Ramon, working with Teomim, demanded full authority over the whole show. Barak, in a military flanking move, hired Yariv Ben-Eljezer as a consultant. The two protagonists next locked horns over how much media exposure Peres should be

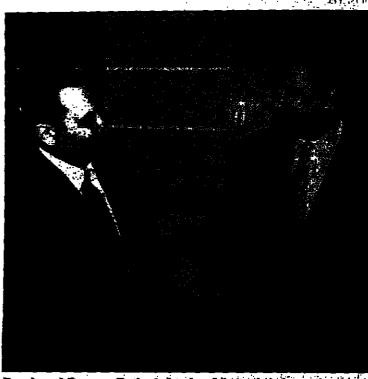
given, in the wake of the terrorist atrocities. As much as possible, said Barak. Keep the prime minister aloof and hard to get, argued

Ramon. Ramon reportedly threatened to resign if Barak launched any information initiatives without his approval. Barak countered that Labor's campaign staff was already lagging behind Likud's

with no sign of an offensive. Next came more serious rumors of a so-called putsch against Peres following the Dizengoff Center outrage - apparently emanating from reports that Barak had demanded the defense portfolio. Barak's aides denied it and accused Ramon's camp of trying to insinuate dispute and intrigue between Barak and

However, the affair never erupted into public recrimination and all ended well. Barak and Ramon insisted they had never fought at all. Nonetheless, they held a reconciliation meeting and agreed to put aside the nonexistent tension and work together.

All this time the two were tirelessly working their primary. campaigns, traveling the length and breadth of the land to press as many party member hands as possible. Ramon even found the time between trips to don a power suit-and-tie and pulverize Likud MK Benny Begin on



Barak and Ramon: Both vied to head Labor's information campaign; Begin: The Likud's lone ranger strikes again. (Kilshid: Hann)

Channel 2's televised confronta-Supermen indeed.

RAZZAMATAZZ It was everything an American party convention should be. Except, that is, that it was held in Tel Aviv's industrial fairground.

Thousands of blue-and-white balloons descended from the roof, there was blaring music at full volume, triumphant handshakes, shoulder punches, hugs and kisses.

The Likud's carefully-staged central committee meeting to approve the alignment with Tsomet and Gesher was an impressive, if somewhat heavyhanded, production, conveying power and unity.

Returning renegade David Levy made a prima donna's dramatic late entrance for his onstage reconciliation with Bibi, timed perfectly for the 8 p.m. news on both main television channels.

For this very modern reason, the whole show began an hour and a half late. And what matter if Levy and Raful joined the Likud leaders on the stage before the vote on the union agreement had even taken place? Or that the thousands of balloons were released from the roof before the vote? Or that anyone who wanted one could get a yellow card to vote with? Did it even matter that the votes were never counted?

This is the '90s; never mind the procedures - get the pic-tures. Live. On prime time.

PARTY POOPER So everything went according to plan? Not quite - what's a party without a party pooper? Enter Benny Begin who didn't want to play and spoiled Bibi's

Begin has a fine reputation as the uncompromising conscience of the Likud. Thundering like Cassandra on the walls of Troy, he dared say out loud what many Likud MKs (who are being elbowed off the Knesset list by the Raful-Levy cohorts) only mutter in their cups.

Begin poured acid sarcasm on the Levy deal in particular, calling Gesher "a great social movement which raised a new and shining social flag. Firsthand, unused, with zero mileage - it is getting seven mandates and second place in the party

hierarchy. What a bargain!" Begin poured undisguised scorn on "the movement which



engraved social issues on its flag yet demands the foreign ministry for its leader. The result will be concern for the elderly in Uzbekistan. Kazakhstan and Chechnya, improved health services in Sumatra, drugs battled in Peru.

Ecuador, Paragnay and Patagonia."

On prying prime time, Bibi winced and cringed in the unforgiving camera's eye.

But many Likud members share Begin's scorn. Levy, said some members, would do well to take the advice of Yediot Aharonot columnist Nahum Barnea and form a Knesset list consisting entirely of his wife and children - the only ones who won't dump him the

moment elections have passed. The gods decreed Cassandra would always be right, but never believed.

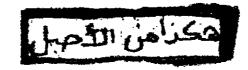
Begin was also compared to the ione cowboy in High Noon, or to the boy who cried the emperor is naked. Whatever the metaphor, his isolation was clearly splendid.

Yet, unlike more timid Likudniks, Begin's place at the top of the Likud list is as assured as his reputation for integrity.

There were also more subtle straws of discontent in the gales

of celebration. By the time Bibi began his speech, not a prince of Likud was in sight Ronni Milo aiready had refused Bibi's offer to host the meeting. Ehud Olmert had left the hall.

Dan Meridor and Benny Begin made themselves scarce even before the grand entrance of Levy and Raful.



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If it's Tuesday it must be Kiryat Tivon

Knesset hopefuls vying for a good spot next week hit the campaign trail - at all costs. Liat Collins reports

THEN head of military intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of the expected terror wave last month, just two MKs were present to hear his report: committee chairman Haggai Merom (Labor) and Ariel Sharon (Likud).

When Turkish President Suleyman Demirel addressed the House, he was ushered into the Knesset parlor for a special session. The decision was taken on the advice of the Foreign Ministry which warned the distinguished VIP might be offended if he faced an empty plenum.

And when Finance Committee chairman Gedalya Gal last week raised seven bills, the only other MK in the room for the vote was Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss. The next day Weiss, calling the experience "the height of surrealism," announced the Knesset would start its Pessah recess early. We can't function without any MKs present."

Where were the elected representatives? Most were on whistlestop primary election campaigns, driving up and down the country from party branches to women's group brunches and supportime discussions in supporters' dining rooms. The lucky ones were at TV

or radio studios. The primary election system adopted by the two main parties has taken the MKs out of the House and into homes. MKs concerned about keeping their seats and hopefuls trying to attain them have been trying to meet as many potential voters as possible and, of course, receive media coverage.

The words "primaries" and "ratings" slip off candidates' tongues as one concept. In one of the Knesset's more embarrassing moments, a plenum session had to be suspended until a deputy speaker could be found to run it. One deputy speaker had to rush off to an interview and her replacement was still in the radio studios for a live broadcast.

The need to cover long dis-tances with a strict timetable was the reason most commonly cited by MKs stopped for driving offenses and forced to undergo a collective preventive driving

THE TERM 'primaries' was taken from the US, but there is a significant difference in coment between its implementation there and here. We adopted the system without thinking about the consequences," says Tel Aviv University's Prof. Gideon Doron, who edited a recently published book called *The Electoral Revolution*. "The primary elections are an upheaval with uncertain ramifications."

The MKs have to be on the road. It's a matter of survival. They have to reach the 300,000 party members who can vote them on to the list and there's no other way. The problem is we are an outcome-oriented society, and we keep changing the rules of the game to fit the outcome we want.



in the US when it adopted this system but since then the rules of the game have been internalized."

Doron notes the Israeli system is constantly being revised to fit a specific situation. Labor first held primary elections in 1992 to ensure that Yitzhak Rabin would lead the party rather than the less charismatic Shimon Peres. A year later, the rules were changed for the municipal elections when the party wanted to eliminate certain candidates. There were more alterations for the Histadrut elections. "I expect the rules will be different in four years," Doron

He is concerned that the primary election system leads to a lack of accountability. "It's impossible for each party member to know each candidate so the end result is that members vote for certain individuals. They want to put someone in the Knesset who can

help their own interests. The MKs and candidates have to go out there and meet the members and make their promises in order to get elected. And that is also why they are so willing to use gimmicks and almost any means of getting media attention. The name of the game is winning by any possible legal means."

For some, the need to be seen has led to some very unparliamen-tary images. MKs have been photographed dressed up in Native American warbonnets, dressed down in swimsuits and covered in body paint as clowns and animals. The phenomenon led public relations expert Menahem Sheizaf to advise the wannabes to forget the tricks "which can badly affect credibility. Just who votes for someone because she looks good painted as a tiger?"

LIKUD CANDIDATE Rahel Kramerman, a publisher, is relying on the more conventional means to reach the party members, constant travel and the occasional radio or TV talk show.

Kramerman describes her typical pre-primary day: The early morning is spent sorting out bureaucratic procedures and paperwork in an office she rented specially for the campaign. On the particular day she spoke she was due to meet with new immigrants from the former Soviet Union in the afternoon; in the evening she was scheduled to appear in the Givatayim local branch with candidate Yitzhak Mordechai to be followed by a conference in Petah Tikva with hopefuls Michael Ratzon and Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni

in Rosh Ha'ayin in between. Her program later changed when she

had the chance to appear on TV. "Sometimes, I can't do it all. I like to speak to the people I meet. What I usually do is promise to personally appear at one place and plan to appear with other candidates elsewhere so that if I can't make it, it won't be too bad," she

Kramerman, a member of the Israel Broadcasting Authority executive committee, is very aware of the potential of media exposure. I'm a great believer in the power of the press, but it's no less important to create a personal relationship with people, particularly activists in local branches. And it's something I actually enjoy."

"IT IS exhausting," says Labor MK Elie Goldschmidt, "I try to think of ways of keeping awake. On a long trip the other night, for example. I tried to name as many kibbutzim as possible, starting with the United Kibbutz Movement and onto Hashomer Hatza'ir and the Religious Kibbutz Movement." The obsession with kibbutzim is not incidental. Goldschmidt is competing as a representative of the kibbutz and moshav movements.

Goldschmidt admits it is an ego-drive that keeps the MKs on the road. "I think the nature of politics is such that the element of an ego trip is true for most politicians. It's a strange career. For most people, their work ends with a golden handshake. For us it ends in ignominy except for those who know when to quit. It's also extremely uncertain. In other fields when you reach the top you know the job is yours for life, more or less. Hospital directors or judges don't expect to be ousted from their posts, but we have to compete for the positions. We do it partly because politics is addic-

It's an addiction which can be fatal, When Likud MK Ariel Weinstein died of sudden heart failure two weeks ago, his colleague Yossi Ahimeir attributed his death to the tension of the primary elections. His widow, Zvia, concurred, quoting her husband as having said: "I can't live without it. Some people are addicted to drugs. I'm addicted to the

It is also a costly addiction. Candidates of the bigger parties have a limit of NIS 300,000 on their campaigns. The money, for those who have it, is spent on brochures, stickers, telemarketing, mailing, posters and gim-micks. (Incidentally, 10 candidates have also created Internet sites for their campaigns, in an imitation of US campaigns.)

LABOR AND Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir this week warned that the system could lead

Her prediction echoed one of the reasons that Likud MK Moshe Nissim, a former justice and finance minister, gives for quitting politics.

"The primary system corrupts.
The dangers of fawning to target sectors bothers me," he says.
"Fundraising creates a real problem of a conflict of interest and the move from the central election system — which is not remembered fondly — to the primary election system is a move out of the frying pan and into the fire. It's dangerous.

While other MKs and hopefuls are struggling to gain a seat at almost any cost. Nissim says he does not regret his decision to resign. "I won't miss it. The newcomers don't know that there is an alternative. But there is a life outside the Knesset."

Ashkelon residents upbeat about peace, despite the terror

Abraham Rabinovich interviews people from the town known for its skepticism and finds a surprise

THE skeptical artitude of the town, still outside the urban clasp people of Ashkelon towards the idea of a Middle East peace process was given dramatic expression 10 what it wants to be. The South

expected to soften tempers in a city where the right wing has traditionally gained twice as many votes in Knesset elections as the left; a city which Likid leaders had warned would be hit by Katyushas if Israel

left the Gaza Strip.

However, despite the recent suicide bombings, random conversations with residents found them more inclined to dwell on the vision of Ashkelon as a booming gateway to Gaza than as a hostage to Katyushas.

"Peace will bring a tremendous boost to Ashkelon's economy," says Deputy Mayor Alex

The kippa-wearing deputy mayor has a picture of Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, spiritual icon of Gush Emunim, on his wall at City Hall. But Kaufman's mindset is well to the left of the National Religious Party to which he claims featty.

"We expect that international companies working in the strip would place their headquarters and residences in Ashkelon and Israeli companies as well. If the peace process is real, people are willing to to give it a chance." Ashkelon is an airy seaside

of the Tel Aviv metropolitan region but with the look of a place that hasn't quite made up its mind years seembles nearly built. African nonulation that once me to the second seemble of the second seembles of a second seembles of a second seemble of a second seemble

have been and shopping mails have sprung up. Ashkelon's widely separated neighborhoods are only now beginning to come together to give it more of an urban feel.

With 93,000 residents, the town is two-thirds the size of its younger and more dynamic neighbor to the north, Ashdod. The Russian heard frequently on the streets reflects a welcome influx of new immigrants who now constitute 15 percent of the popula-

Despite the 'town's right-wing tendencies, those residents interviewed have detached themselves from the standard positions of right-wing politicians to express fresh views that reflect changed conditions on the ground. Even Yasser Arafat was portrayed by several persons as an ally against Islamic fundamentalists and not simply dismissed as a terrorist, past or present.

"I used to be Labor but I've voted for Likud in every election from 1977," said Baghdad-born Ronnie Yona, who has lived in Ashkelon 46 years.

"I'm very worried by the fundamentalists but if Peres continues with the gloves-off policy he began last week, and if Arafat



Ashkelon's main strip; random conversations with inhabitants found them more inclined to envisioning their town as a booming gateway to Gaza than as a hostage to Katyushas. (Yossi and Uzi Photos)

continues to crack down on Hamas, I will return to Labor." It is only in the last six months. said Yona, that he has begun to put some trust in Arafat. "There's still

a question mark [hanging over him] but he's lending a hand. I'm giving him a chance." In the bakery he runs with his elderly father, Zvi Hadar takes the broad view of historical processes as he serves up burekas. "There will always be bombs but this kind of peace is the least of possible evils. It will be a peace in

which the strong rules. There won't be a more complete peace. There will always be fanat-

ics. I served in the army reserves for 25 years. I expect that my son will too and his son after him."

The Palestinian Authority, says Argentinian-born Hadar, a Labor supporter, has no alternative but to suppress Hamas, "Otherwise there will be no peace process and they will be the losers. If they

don't overcome terrorism they won't have a state. We will not play with them too long."

Madame Kina, who reads fortunes from tarot cards or the lines on your forehead, is not predicting the political future but she picks up from her clientele their deep fears about the present. "They

want a total, permanent closure of the territories. They don't want the Arabs coming here." To Julia Nahum, who manages a

cafe near the bus station, the situation is "so complicated, so deep" that it will take nothing less than the coming of the Messiah to resolve it.

Nahum, who says she believes in peace but also thinks that "Eretz Yisrael belongs to the Jewish peo-ple," is an NRP supporter. "I believe that there can only be a

supernatural solution," she says. The young man waving at a passing police van is uncertain at first about offering up his political views when approached on the street. It turns out he is a policeman. His shyness as a public servant soon recedes before his opinions as a private person and he offers a first name, Artzi.

"I haven't decided how to vote but there is no alternative to the peace process. Even if it leads only to a cold peace. We have to separate ourselves from them. Just hanging onto territories and saying 'It'll be all right' doesn't lead

anywhere." Life in Ashkelon, said Artzi, had been steadily improving over the last 10 years. "Even in little things, the way people don't throw candy wrappers on the ground. There are nice new neighborhoods now. The quality of life is getting better. It's getting better all over the country.'

"Ashkelon Man" - three weeks after the suicide bombings and nine weeks before the elections still believes the peace process has a chance of working but also wants to wall himself off from the bombers. To appeal to this electorate, Labor will have to show a tough hand towards the Palestinians and Likud to talk softer about peace.











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The force which maintained order during the intifada faces new tasks along the seam line, Bill Hutman reports

HE Border Police - spearheading the attempt to contain intifada riots and five years later leading the way cooperation with the Palestinian Police – nearly took another about-face in its tumultuous recent history in the wake of the Hamas terror bombings.

"We prepared ourselves for the possibility that we would have to return to Area A and increase our operations in Area B," Border Police Chief Yisrael Sadan said in a candid interview this week.

Area A is the major cities in Judea and Samaria taken over by the Palestinian Authority, and Area B is made up of villages over which the PA has administrative control. Both were the main stomping grounds of the Border Police before the Oslo 2 Accords took effect "It's not my job to decide

whether we would return to Area A or not," Sadan said. "That's the government's job. But I knew that we had to be prepared for every possibility that the government might consider in response to the Hamas attacks."

Sadan described the steps taken as administrative - mainly how to organize the manpower needed if the government gave orders to enter areas in the hands of the Palestinian Authority.
"If such a decision is given [to

return to PA-controlled areas], it will mean a major overhaul for us." Sadan said. "Today, we have excellent cooperation with the Palestinian Police. Border Policeman and Palestinian Police ride in joint patrols."

IN THE weeks since the Dizengoff bombing, the scenario that the government will order a

return to the PA-controlled areas seems further and further off. But in this period when the future of the peace process remains shaky, Border Police's future still remains unclear.

Last week, Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal dropped a bombshell - at least in the eyes of Police and Border Police when he suggested the two forces be separated. "Why not have one police dealing with terror, and another with crime?" Shahal asked, at a Border Police conference.

The suggestion is controver sial, because it would take out of the hands of police brass much of the responsibility - and power - they now have as the de-facto commanders of Border Police operations inside the Green Line and Jerusalem, and from the IDF, responsible for Border Police



Chief Sadan: 'There is a new reality between us and the Palestinians. We can no longer relate to them as the enemy.'

forces in the territories. The equation is quite simple.

the Border Police now operates largely as a manpower pool for

the police and the IDF. Sadan does not make operational decisions, but only allocates his forces on instructions from

police and army brass. For all branches of the security, forces, manpower equals power' and money. The result is that nei-ther the police nor the army want, to give up the Border Police. Sadan declined to comment on

the issue and insisted the décision was not his, but the government's. Ministry sources 'said before the election nothing is expected to happen with the pro-posal, but that the option would likely be raised again afterwards.

WITH THE future uncertain, the Border Police commander still bas to deal with today s security situation: redeployment, joint patrols and a separation line just now being established.

Border and Palestinian policemen work side by side in Ramallah. Jenin, Tulkarm, Kalkilya, Bethlehem, Jericho and Nablus patrolling roads used by settlers near those PA-controlled cities. There are also several joint patrols in Gaza.

"There is a new reality between us and the Palestinians. We can no longer relate to them as the enemy," said Sadan, sit-ting at his desk at Border Police.

[Palestinian] cities in Judea and Samaria, we would have to change our fighting code ... to change the way we train now,"

It wouldn't be the first time the Border Police had to adapt itself to changing political and securisituations. It is the offshoot of the Frontier Force established by the IDF in 1951. At its inception, the unit had fewer than 100 men. many of whom were Druse. Beduin or members of other

minority groups, just as today.

The force quickly expanded and, by the mid-1950s, was put in charge of patrolling border areas in the effort to prevent infiltrations. As a precursor of things to come, in the Sinai Campaign of 1956, the Border Police was responsible for keeping order in Gaza. 🗀:

Eleven years later, the Border Police were sent in to keep the peace not only in Gaza, but also Judea and Samaria. It was in the Palestinian towns and villages that the Border Police got its rep-utation for being brutal.

AT BORDER Police headquarters, they are quick to deny the allegations. First, Border Police brass argue, the accusations of violence against Palestinians were exaggerated. Second, they add, the Border Police was not just in the territories - it was also involved in many other important duties, less known to the general public, including guard ing the nation's air and sea ports and security-sensitive installa-

But the fact remains, the Border Police's main job was putting down unrest, particularly after the outbreak of the intifada in 1987. Border Police training concentrated on this, and the reality of the intifada years left time for little else.

The intifada is still in the back of the minds of Sadan and other Border Police brass. Today, however, the reality is quite different, and the Border Police is having to adapt. .

Sadan marks his first anniversary as Border Police commander next week. The Oslo Accord was already signed. The mass rioting and bloody clashes between the Border Police were largely a thing of the past.

"The job I was given was to prepare the Border Bolice for the future," Sadan said. Sadan's experience is in training; he founded the Border Police training school at the Beit Horon base and afterwards headed the Police Academy near Netanya.

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One of those new tasks is maintaining the proposed separation line, meant to prevent Palestinians from infiltrating into Israel. Sadan, who was appointed to the task by ·Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz after the Dizengoff bombing, was this week preparing a final draft of the separation plan.

The Border Police are to be the major force in maintaining the separation line, to run roughly along the pre-1967 border although the IDF and General Security Service will be providing support, according to Sadan.

Sadan revealed: some as yet unpublished details of the plan: The separation line is to be divided into four districts; each district will have its own headquarters; intelligence units are to be set up to work specifically on preventing infiltrations; and the Border Police's elite undercover unit will be used to patrol the 270-kilometer separation line.

"I believe in the separation plan," Sadan said. "It is the best possible solution given the present situation." And the present situation, it appears, is about the only thing of which Sadan and the Border Police can be certain.



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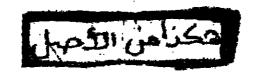
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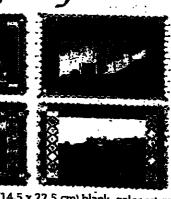
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T has been almost two years that Amos and I have been writing a biweekly column in this newspaper. I had a bit of an ambivalent feeling about this when we first started.

had known - and liked - The Jerusalem Post for a long time, practically from my first days in Israel, then Palestine. For many years The Jerusalem Post had been a liberal and somewhat leftily voice in the small pond of Israeli journalism, before it became the ocean it is today. I often identified with the Post's editorial views, sometimes found them too leftist or too liberal, but hardly ever objectionable, as I unfortunately do

Six years ago the paper changed owners and consequently there was a thorough overhaul of its editorial staff, its guidelines and its views. I soon found the paper much deteriorated and substantially less palatable.

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change on many levels
I believe a newspaper should represent the spirit of the country and its needs. This is true in general, but particularly in the case of The Jerusalem Post, being the only newspaper in English, which therefore has a captive audience. I felt that the right-wing opinions that replaced the more moderate and liberal ones deprived readers - not only citizens, but tourists and subscribers abroad as well - of an accurate perspective of Israel.

I most certainly do not identify with what the paper stands for today, but its audience is important to me. Because unlike people who read Hebrew newspapers. many Post readers, who include people from Germany, Russia and other non-English-speaking countries ; and particularly importantly, foreign journalists and the diplomatic corps - have no

other choice: Often what they read in the Post is their only or main source of information. The picture they receive is certainly biased. This was one of the main reasons I decided to start writing articles in this paper at the time when I least approved of its views and its style, in the hope that I can give people a bit of a different opinion. Here I must thank the editors of the paper for giving me this chance without

any censorship or limitations. Of course, I also have a special feeling about the paper because of its name. It is the only major newspaper with the word "Jerusalem" in its title, and this makes me feel, rightly or wrongly, that it claims representation of the city of which I was

mayor for 28 years. I would find it disturbing if the only views such a newspaper expressed would be those of the right, which do not, in my opinion, represent a majority in the city or the country. Other voices must be heard.

Of course, I am not the only one. I am happy to read in the Post from time to time columns by people such as Abba Eban and Professor Shlomo Avineri, who do not toe the line, but on the whole these articles are a drop in the bucket.

Nevertheless, it gives me satisfaction when people, quite frequently, approach me or my wife Tamar, and say they read one of the articles and felt it gave adequate expression to their own views or

In this day and age, when the media has so much influence on people's perceptions, and also on actual decision-making and government policy, even a drop in the bucket is well worth the effort.

Call it hatred HE recent, unprecedented terror-GUEST COLUMNIST ANDREA LEVIN

children and proclaimed from its

Again, comparison of the Times's cov-

erage elsewhere is noteworthy. Kifner

displayed no reticence about asserting in a November 1995 news report that some

on Israel's religious right are imbued

with a "hatred of Arabs." Times

reporters David Shipler and Clyde

Haberman have in the past also

expounded, whether accurately or not.

on themes of Jewish animosity toward

Arabs. There has never been, however.

the same readiness - and direct lan-

guage employed - in identifying harred

as a prominent, driving force within

Hamas and other Arab entities that

The media have virtually ignored the

smoldering antisemitism in the Arab

world generally, a hatred promoted by Arab governments as well as by militant

Islamic groups and unmoderated even in

the recent era of negotiations and agree-

Against this background of wider media silence, the failure following the

recent atrocities to examine candidly the

ideology of Hamas is particularly

As coverage of the bombings moved

and the tableaux of funerals to Israeli

efforts at rounding up potential terrorists

and deterring further attacks, the famil-

Thus CBS's Bob Simon, in a report on

March 6 on Palestinian Authority police

raids against Islamic institutions, wise-

cracked that 'they played the role of

Israelis of yesteryear, and played it to

Palestinians are shown kicking in

iar shift to hectoring Israel ensued.

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notable.

ism that took 61 lives and maimed hundreds topped the news briefly and disappeared, but not before exposing an array of journalistic abuses that recur in coverage of atrocities against Israelis.

Chief among them is the pervasive obfuscating of the nature and ferocity of the hatred that propels the killers.

Reports on Hamas's Jerusalem bus bombings, the first of which was purportedly timed to commemorate the anniversary of the Hebron massacre of 29 Arabs by Baruch Goldstein on February 25, 1994, are instructive. Not only was the reporting a fraction of that devoted to the Hebron event, the coverage of the bombings was devoid of reference to the hatred systematically inculcated in its followers by Hamas.

ABC's Peter Jennings had, for example, unhesitatingly identified Goldstein as "an Israeli with a history of hating Palestinians," and the network's corre-spondent Dean Reynolds had ascribed an "Arab-hating style" to rabbis linked with Goldstein

But the slaughter of 61 Israelis by Hamas and Islamic Jihad was not once portrayed as the manifestation of Jewhatred, whether as an attribute of the twisted mind of the individual suicide bomber or as a guiding feature of an entire movement.

Nor, in the same vein, has ABC ever reported to its millions of viewers on the crude, antisemitic charter of Hamas, which spells out the aims of the group. The document attributes every earthly evil to the Jews - world wars, revolutions, disease, exploitation - and calls for the eradication of all Jewish presence in "Palestine."

ABC was not alone in its circumlocutions. In the aftermath of the bombings, the New York Timesmanaged to produce a 4,000-word, front-page story on Hamas by John Kifner entitled "Alms and Arins: Tactics in a Holy War" that

deported, and those engaging in

any violent act will be shot on

sight. Preempt Islamic terrorists'

efforts to attain eternal Paradise

through suicide or death in

action by announcing that their

corpses will be buried in pigskin,

dumped into the sea or cremated.

National Authority institutions in

Announce that the siege will be

lifted only after all known mem-

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Max Weil of Jerusalem, who

has drawn up a detailed program

including these steps, feels that

the government's grave error in

misjudging and/or not consider-

ing Arafat's unwillingness or

inability to have the people

under his governance, including

Hamas members, accept the Oslo

accords is fully responsible for

A RECENT survey of Arab resi-

dents of Samaria indicates that

the common folk there continue

to lust for Jewish blood. The sur-

vey was conducted by the sm-

dent council of A-Najah University in Nablus (The

Seventy percent of the respon-

dents supported terrorist attacks

in the administered territories

and in areas of Judea. Samaria

and Gaza where Jews live. More

than 84 percent opposed the

measures taken by Arafat's

Eighty-six percent of those polled said they saw no differ-ence between the Israeli right

left regarding

police against the Hamas.

Jerusalem Post, March 15).

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doors and, in Simon's words, "scrounging for evidence of complicity with the detailed the ethos and functioning of the organization, but omitted any mention of the centrality of violent antisemitism Hamas bombing campaign." as enshrined in its charter, taught to its

Simon then takes viewers to the scene of an Arab family moving possessions out of a house about to be sealed. A young Palestinian woman with a child in her lap cries out asking where she will

"Certainly not in the orphanage,"
Simon intones. "The Israelis closed that
down too..."

Simon deserves additional recognition for perverse inversions. Even at the moment of Israel's terrifying encounter with death in the streets of Tel Aviv, the reporter did not flag - he made the event into one of Israeli bloodlust.

Israelis "are demanding blood, and Peres will have to produce it," he declared

On March 12, ABC's Bill Redeker filed a story from the Gaza beachfront. where he reported that Israeli border closures enacted in response to the bombings had even restricted access to the sea, idling 5000 fishermen. A baker was also interviewed, complaining he could not get needed flour from Israel to make bread. The final stop was a cancer ward in Gaza's Shifa Hospital, where a brown-eyed child said, "They are buting us. Why do they allow us to suffer?" At no point did Redeker advise his

audience that Gaza has become a storebeyond the first days' scenes of carnage house and training base for terrorism, with arms and explosives sometimes brought in by sea, or that Yasser Arafat abetted all this. No mention was made of Arafat's

diversion of funds to create competing armed militias, instead of to improve cancer treatment for children or to address small business needs. The onus, instead, was on Israel for

the plight of the civilian population. Redeker observed that, "For now, most of the anger remains directed at the Israelis, not Yasser Arafat. On the Gaz waterfront, one fisherman says mayb we should have another uprising."

Among the most questionable follow up stories to the first Jerusalem bombir was CNN reporter Jerrold Kessel's vis to the hospital bedside of a Palestinia

injured in the attack. "Sunday's Jerusalem bus bomb no only killed over 20 Israelis, it als brought agony to a Palestinian family

Kessel says. Viewers might be forgiven for askin why, after such an assault on Israelis, th only human interest story on the victim nate, but accidental Arab casualt Kessel then went on to report that neighbors of the Arab patient believe "W must do to the Israelis what they have

done to us!" A rare and timely story by the Washington Post's David Hoffman gav a context to the calamities individu Israelis have suffered in the wave of atrocities. He interviewed young su vivors of 1994's terror attack on a bus Afula. Some are physically scarred, an all have been affected emotionally.

"Forty people were injured in Aful and more than 560 have suffere injuries in the subsequent attacks Hoffman writes. "But beyond the ca nage, grief and tragedy of each bomb a story of lasting suffering, not only for victims but for their families, friend and society. Each attack has left concer tric circles of pain and anger engrave on those who were touched by it..."

In a small nation, where so many have been touched in the struggle to surviv it is all the more striking that so fe journalists have provided their and ences the quiet perspective (Hoffman's piece.

Andrea Levin is National President CAMERA, Committee for Accuracy Middle East Reporting in America

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Learning from Samson to avert catastrophe

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ILTON'S Samson "was altogether mistaken," writes Louis Rene Beres, professor of political scieice at Purdue University, West Lifayette, Indiana.

"It is certainly not strength that bought about his unhappy fate, but rather his willful abandonment of strength. Had he held on to his strength and resisted the wies and enchantments of enemy seductions, he ... would have prevailed!"

Bires writes this in support of his proposal that we adopt as a deterent against our enemies the threat of what he calls the "Sanson Option." We should "presare to take hold of the eneny temple pillars," which Samon did, destroying his Philiaine captors and himself (Judgs 16:29-30).

We should do so "not because 'last-resort' options are of overriding mportance in themselves (they are not), but because preparations for such options could nake last-resort scenarios for Jeusalem less likely.... Indeed, the Jewish state must now do everything within its power to avoid ever having to implement a Samson Option."

Our "current policy of incremental britorial concessions [which] flows from a misguided conception of the peace process - is a policy that will destroy Israel's power. A policy that eliminates strategic depth and prevents seure retaliatory forces will strongly encourage largescale energy aggressions against Israel."

Israel should "learn from Samson" and "rather than accepting further excisions of its already attenuated land mass. [which] would impair strategic depth to an unmanageable degree and encourage enemy 'preenptive' strikes," we should "insis on no further territorial

concesions." Uness we understand that Israfi is despised [by Islamic terrolists] not because of land, but lecause it is a Jewish state." will continue to hope too much, to waste critical time in

vairendeavors... In sum, "Israel must not be ashmed of its own strength." (Se "Israel and Samson," Jersalem Letter / Viewpoints No 329, Jerusalem Center for Pulic Affairs, February 15.) could also learn from Milon's Samson to take respon-

MOSHE KOHN sibility. He rejects his father's

suggestion that Heaven brought about his downfall (lines 373-Appoint not Heavenly disposi-

tion, father. / Nothing of all these evils hath befallen me I But justly: I myself have brought them on; I Sole author, I, sole cause..." inital =

AN "ALL-OUT WAR" has been declared against the Arab terrorists who have long been waging such a war against Israel. In the field, however, the declarers invest rather less than all-out thought, means and action in this

In the effort to extirpate terrorism, attention must also be paid to the population in whose name the terrorists purport to commit their outrages and in whose midst they find shelter, encouragement and help.

To be sure, some of those people are "innocent bystanders." But this is not enough; Jews who have condemned the actions of Ami Popper and Baruch Goldstein know this; so do veteran Israelis who as members of the pre-state Hagana and its Shai (Intelligence Service) collaborated with the British in hunting down Jews of the "dissident, terrorist" IZL (Irgun) and LHI (Stern Group).

In war innocent people are hurt. But that thought would have been no justification for the World War II Allies not to deal as they did with Germany and Japan. In fact, had they taken appropriate action earlier, the world would have been spared that war and its horrendous results.

So in order to extirpate Arab terrorism against us and those who help us, we must impose more hardship than we have been imposing on the "innocent" Arabs of Judea, Samaria and

The aim is to persuade them to stop giving any material or spiritual succor to terrorists; persuade them to spit terrorists out from their midst. How?

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"If his sacrifice is a burnt offering of the herd, he shall offer a bring it of his own free will to the entrance of the Communion Tent, before God ... and it shall then be accepted as an atonement for him." (Lev. 1:3-4)

THIS week's portion. Vavikra, introduces us to the ritual requirements of sacrifice, and asks that we probe the nature of sin.

For some liberal and "liberated" intellectuals, the outmoded "s" word is a relic of a poritanical society which obsessively sought to inflict guilt upon its citizenry. For some strict constructionists, sin is the inevitable master of the human personality, and can be overcome only by Divine grace.

Advocates of the first position tend to blame genes and environment - parents and society - for whatever wrongdoing is perpetuated by individual "sinner/victims"; advocates of the second view perceive human nature as a powerful and relentless enemy from within. Both agree that human beings are more object than subject, virtually defenseless in the face of evil forces.

The Bible, on the other hand, presumes individual responsibility, and therefore the ability to control one's actions. For a willful transgression, a sacrificial offering is not sufficient; restitution must be made, and often an additional rehabilitative penalty must be paid. A "sin offering" is required after

unwitting transgression

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(shogeg) whereby, for example, a person kindles a fire on the Sabbath either because he was unaware that such an activity was forbidden, or because he was unaware that the particular day was Saturday. The ritual itself - the individual

who brings an animal to the Holy Temple must confess his sin over it before it is slaughtered - may serve to emphasize the fact that even in such an instance, humans are held responsible for a transgression, albeit one of a lesser nature than willful greed or passion.

Ignorance of the law is no excuse; every person must be aware of his environment and of the possible ramifications of his every deed Jewish law would amend Descartes to read: "I am responsible; therefore I am worthy to be." Ultimately, the sacrificial laws come to teach us that taking responsibility is not a matter of choice, but a necessity. If one accepts responsibility, one earns the possibility of re-creating oneself, which is intimated by the fire on the altar, whose flames not only destroy, but also transform In the Book of Genesis, two ver-

sions of our creation emerge. Chapter 1 emphasizes the creation of the human being "in God's image" and commands us to conquer the world. Chapter 2, however, emphasizes the human being as an entity created from "the dust of the earth," destined to serve the earth out of which we were formed.

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By providing two complementary accounts of humanity's creation, the Torah seems to be acknowledging the truth of both positions. Indeed, the human creature is dangerously close to being vanquished by instinct and raw passion, and we all possess the brute characteristics of animals.

We must be held responsiblefor our deeds - not only for what we do, but also for what we should have done, but did not; what we should have been aware of, but were not.

We read in Genesis how God affirms that "it was good" after each act of creation - except after the sixth day, when man was created. There follows a concluding assessment that God saw that all of His creation was good - but not necessarily the creation of human beings. The S'forno derives a valuable

teaching from this seeming discrepancy. All other creatures were functional beings, their activities judged by the Almighty to be

good. The human being alone i moral being; whether or not tiv depends enti ly on him - and so God cann provide any advance judgment.

There is a fable about a sculpt who was seeking a model for statue which he wanted to c Beauty-Goodness." Naturally. was searching for a harmony spirit and body which wou make the soul's purity visib through the external form. I found the proper individual at spirited prayer convocation, ar knew he had not erred when h subject requested that any rem neration be given to the poor.

After enjoying a major succe with this work, the sculptor set o to do a companion piece "Ugliness-Evil." He spent year searching for the right mode Then one evening he chance upon a drunk lying in his fill Fascinated by the decadence the face, the artist lifted the ma in his arms, brought him to h studio, and worked feverishly a night to produce the basis f what he was certain would be h second masterpiece.

The next morning, when the drunk awoke and the sculptor h him cleaned and dressed as parti payment, one can imagine b shock on recognizing the san man he had used before!

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High-level battle in Vanderbilt final

MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

North-South vulnerable North (Zia) **№** 1075 ♥ AKQJ5

East dealer

• 063 **+** 107 West (Wolff) East (Hamman) **♥**10862 ↓ J 5
 ↓ Q 5 2 ◆ A 109742 **♣**84 South (Rosenberg)

North . East . South pass double 3 🏚 pass 3 NT

Opening lead: •J

HIS year's Vanderbilt team championship, played at the American Spring Nationals in Philadelphia two weeks ago, was won by a team led by Seymon Deutsch, of Laredo. Texas. His team, originally seeded number two, included Chip Martel and Lew Stansby of California, and Michael Rosenberg and Zia Mahmood of New York. In the final, they defeated the number one seed, current world champions Nick Nickell and Dick Freeman of Atlanta, Bob Hamman and Bob Wolff of Dallas, Jeff Meckstroth of Florida, and Eric Rodwell of Illinois, by a score of 146 to 109.

The Vanderbilt, named after the creator of the modern game of bridge, Harold S. Vanderbilt, is one of the toughest events in the world. Teams are seeded by past performance and a daily knockout of 64 deals is played between two teams. Ninety-eight teams entered this year, cut to 64 teams the first day (employing three-way matches), then 32, 16, eight, four and two. Today's deal, from the third quarter of the final match, was the biggest swing for the winners.

At one table, Rosenberg landed in three notrump after East had doubled North's two-diamond bid. This was the fourth suit. which does not promise a real suit, but says simply that the bid-der has a good hand with nothing conclete to say. The effect of East's double was that West led the ciacks of diamonds, which appears to be the killing lead.

Rosenberg, the declarer, took a while to study the hand before playing to trick one and this pause was not lost on Wolff, sitting West. The thinking of the toplevel players is different from lesser players in their ability to analyze the smallest thought of their opponents. Rosenberg could count a probable five heart tricks, one diamond and two clubs, for a total of eight. If the queen of clubs were with East, he would have no problem, so he considered how to make the contract if the queen were guarded behind him. If he won the first trick with the king, West, upon gaining the lead. would be able to lead a second diamond through dummy's queen, so Rosenberg ducked the opening lead in both hands.

WOLFF realized that declarer must have either ace or king dou-bleton for his duck and, because of the pause, it was more likely to be king-doubleton. Therefore. Wolff switched to a heart. Continuing diamonds would not do his side any good, since his partner obviously did not hold an entry to gain the lead after the diamond suit was established. From declarer's viewpoint, however, this shift to hearts was revealing. If East held an entry. West would surely have continued diamonds.

Rosenberg therefore assumed that West must hold both the ace and king of spades, and perhaps the queen of clubs as well. In deeper analysis, it might have been preferable for Wolff to continue diamonds at trick two, pretending that his partner held an entry. Then declarer might very well rely on the club finesse for

After the heart shift, Rosenberg ran five heart winners, discarding one spade and three clubs from his hand, while West discarded a spade. A spade was led to the queen and king, and Wolff had few options. His only hope was that his partner held the jack of spades, so he led the nine back. Rosenberg won this and played the king of diamonds to East. A club lead from East went to Rosenberg's king and a spade lead at trick 11 endplayed West, who was down to the ace of spades and the queen doubleton

of clubs. At the other table in the match. Meckstroth and Rodwell, sitting North-South, played in five clubs doubled, down 800, so Rosenberg's team gained 16



While it's okay to feed baby gazelles at a zoo, people should leave them alone in their natural habitat.

Let baby gazelles be

digest, and the baby is content to

sleep for hours, since fats take a

long time to digest and there isn't

enough sugar to give it any excess

But, quite naturally, the fawn -

when it hears the approach of

This is true of many animals, but

what it assumes to be the mother ~

especially of deer and most

gets up and welcomes her.

T least half a dozen times every spring people hiking in the hills of Galilee, the Ephraim mountains or the hills around Jerusalem come quite by surprise upon a baby gazelle among the rocks.

Usually it is asleep, but upon hearing the hikers gets up on its spindly little legs and greets them. In all too many cases, people decide it is an "orphan" and feel obliged to take it home with them.

This is a mistake, based on an ignorance of the animal's upbringing. Gazelle mothers always leave

their very young fawns tucked away some place among rocks. shrubs and the like and only come to nurse them twice or three times

This is their way of protecting

antelopes. This is also in direct con-D'VORA BEN SHAUL

them until they are old enough to follow the adults. The little fawn remains quiet for hours, relaxed by the special composition of the doe's milk, which is very rich. It has an extremely high butterfat content and very little lactose or It thus takes a very long time to

Nature is infinite in the creation of varied life patterns, each of which is just right for one species or another. In the case of the baby gazelle, one should leave it alone, for the mother will almost certainly return after a few hours andtake care of her offspring.

trust to young animals such as ibex. cattle, horses and even elephants.

Here the newborn must be able to follow the herd within a few hours of birth. The milk of these animals is low in fat but has much protein and a very high sugar content. This gives the youngster plenty of energy to keep up with the herd, while not making it sluggish from too much butterfat.

There are many different techniques that animals adopt to protect their offspring, and these are only two of them. In every case, the type of milk the mother supplies is exactly right to support the

Saddam Hussein's devious move

SRAEL Chess Federation Chairman Yosef (Tommy) Lapid has threatened to withdraw Israel from FIDE, world chess's governing body, if it goes ahead with its decision to stage the world championship finals between Anatoly Karpov and Gata Kamsky in Baghdad

In a dramatic announcement at a press conference two weeks ago, President Kirsan FIDE Ilyumzhinov told reporters Iraqi President Saddam Hussein will make the opening move of the championships.

Lapid has called upon the chess federations of other countries to boycott the event.

Perhaps Saddam Hussein was heralded into the chess world by a telegram he allegedly received from former World Champion Bobby Fischer which commended him on his invasion of Kuwait.

Many chess enthusiasts appear to be far more competent at solving chess problems than they are at actually playing the game. When confronted with a chess problem one usually begins by looking for the most spectacular sacrifice on hand. The offering of the queen usually goes down

But the art of chess puzzlesolving is really to be found in the ability to play the type of solid chess that sets up those positions out of which the combination can be unleashed. The solver must then be on his toes and search for that elusive sacrifice throughout the rest of the game and not just when a caption over a diagram reads "White to play and win."

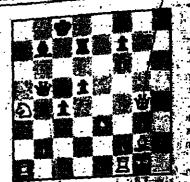
At the recent 58th Wijk Aan Zee annual chess festival, Vassily Ivanchuk, the tournament winner, pulled off a truly sensational queen sacrifice in his game against Alexei Shirov.

Ivanchuk, Vassily - Shirov, Wijk Aan Zee, Holland 1996

Queen's Gambit Declined,

1.d4 d5.2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4 Nr3-e6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 b6. 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7 11.exf6 Bb7 12.g3 c5 13.d5 Qb6. Up to this point in the game both players were just replaying moves from this much analyzed variation, 14 Bg2 0-0-0 15.0-0 b4 16 Na5 Ob5 17a3 exd5 18 axb4 cxb4 19 Be3 Nc5

20.Qg4+ Rd7. Even after 20 moves both players were still familiar with this position known as the Botvinnik system. But Ivanchuk digresses from the main line and pulls out a corker.



21.Qg7!! Bxg7/22.fxg7 Rg8 23.Nxc5 d4, the critical line.

If Black opts/ for 23. Rxg7 y
24.Bh3 Bc6 25.Fxa7, or 23. Rc7 24 Nxb7 Rxb7 then White still retains the initiative with either of 25 Rfd1 despite having as

24 Bxb7# Rxb7 25 Nxb7 Qb6 26.Bxd4! Qxd4 27.Rfd1 Qxb2 28.Nd6: Kb8 29.Rdb1 Qxg77 IT returning the queen with 29...Qxa1...da1 would have been Shirov's best hope. 30.Rxb4+ Kc7 31.Ra6! Rb8 32.Rxa9+ Kxd6 33.Rxb8 Qg4 34.Rd8+ Kc6 35.Ra1 1-0

only two minor pieces for the

GENRIKH Kasparyan, the great Armenian composer and interna-tional master, died at the end December at the age of 85.

Horn in Tbilisi in 1910,

Kasparyan went on to win the Armenian Championship no fewer than 10 times. But his finest achievement was his first-place semi-final win in the 1931 USS championship, one point ahead of the great Mikhail Botvinnik During this period Kasparyan befriended the legendary master

composer Troitsky.

In his game against Manvelian in 1939, Kasparyan pulled off a fine winning combination from the following position. White to

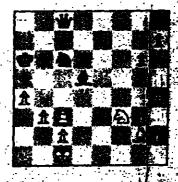


DIAGRAM 2
Solution: 1 Ricol. Essarjas
begins with an exchange sartice

to whet the appetite. He follows up with the gift of a whole meen. 1...Bxc6 2.Oc4+ Kb7 3.Cxc6+ Kxc6 4.Ne5+ Kc5 5.Nd3+ Kd4 6.Kd2 preparing the unavodable mate with 7.c3 1-0.

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- 1 One lacking a blooming partner? (10)
- 9 A word of thanks he included for a goddess (4) 10 Maybe Rumania's about to

become a health resort (10)

- 11 A gunsmith will add it to his stock (6) 12 The fighter's craft (7)
- 15 Cancel order to sift cinders
- 16 Service set back about female entry? Not at all (5) 17 They're very high in theatrical circles (4)
- 18 Go slow going round the capital (4) 19 Army group threshing crops (5)
- 22 Use they put to the rest (4-3)
- 24 Ill stored (4,2)
- 27 Fabricated steel-cored conductors of current (10) 28 Called for an orange,
- 29 The shooting of an unknown person? (6,4)

DOWN

- over transgression (5,2)
- 2 A poor actor turned nurse . _(4)
- 3 Holidays that fall in the autumn? (6)
- 4 Pays a brief visit to watch
- 5 Complain when I get involved with the law (4)

perhaps (7) 7 Stock answer given by

- Solomon in classic dilemma (5,5) 8 Set meal and free bed at hotel (5,5)
- 12 Employee who makes a packet for his colleagues (5,5)
- 13 Introduces off cuts (10) 14 Evita became powerful by getting on (5)
- 15 Gathers in spare parts (5) 19 Change the law! (7) 20 She is given two articles set in a case (7)
- 23. An open hir practice? (3-3)
 25 Bring ship round in river

26 Canteen stew? (4)

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution Yesterday's Quick Solution
ACROSS: 1 Board, 4 Stift, 16
Radical, 11 Terse, 12 Kores, 13
Torrant, 15 Item, 17 Spume, 19
Ieste, 22 Rata, 25 Elegant, 27 Foyer,
20 Spire, 30 Instant, 31 Heady, 33
Fing.
DOWN: 2 Older, 3 Reclaim, 5 Tutor,
6 Forfait, 7 Drake, 8 Fixte, 9 Testy,
14 Omit, 16 Tern, 18 Precise, 20
Rafusel, 21 Feast, 23 Attic, 24 Trite,
26 Ahead, 28 Years.

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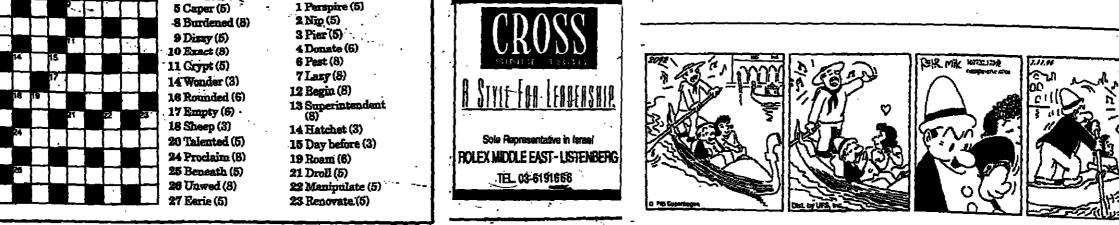
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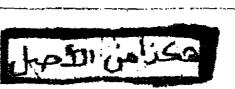
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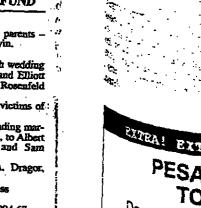
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The Jerusalem Post The Seychelles: Sand, sea and spectacular scenery

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THE Seychelle Islands conjure up pictures of lush tropical islands, white golden beaches, and clear turquoise water, in other words, an adman's dream. Surprisingly enough, in these days of "Been there. Done it," these small islands, nestled in the middle of the Indian Ocean. exceed all expectations of an

undeveloped holiday paradise.
The best news of all is that they are less than six hours away from Israel. No skirting around forbidden airspace, it's straight there. Since starting a Tel-Aviv-Mahé route in December, Air Seychelles has had a full planeload every week.

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On a recent trip, the service on board its new 767 was excellent and the staff was very helpful and friendly, especially after I explained why they were always left with so many uneaten prawn cocktails on this particular foute. They are going to investigate this matter for future flights.

Tourism, the islands' main

industry, only started to develop with the opening of the international airport on Mahé in 1971. There are regular flights to some of the smaller islands, but many of them are still accessible only by boat if at all.

Mahé is the archipelago's main island and its 27km. by 8km. make it the largest. Home to the Seychelles' capital, Victoria, it can only be described as a breathtaking. dramatic tribute to nature. As with the majority of the inner islands, it is formed of granite (as opposed to the desert-island-type outer islands) and the scenery is dramatic.

Powerful rock formations and steep slopes cascade down to calm. tranquil bays. Huge boulders long since dislodged from the mountains add extra decorative interest to the beaches, or can be seen positioned almost precariously on



A tropical paradise awaits at the Seychelle Islands, less than six hours by air from Israel.

set designer could have arranged them to better effect.

Tropical vegetation grows abundantly throughout the island, forming a thick undergrowth and lush, verdant forests. When it is about to rain, low clouds hover over the high peaks of the central mountain

range, shrouding them in mystery.
The rain falls between
November and April in short, strong downpours which clear up instantly. But the climate is consistent throughout the year as the Seychelles are located just below

the equator. Sightseeing in Mahé is scenic rather than cultural and the views are spectacular. It is well worth hirGetting there there are plans for one of the Israeli carriers to fly

THE Scychelles are located at Israel's back door. there in the near future. Accommodation varies: Go down the Gulf of Ellat, rum left at the Red greatly, as do prices. There are many packages Sea, take a right over Ethiopia, straight over Somalia and right again when you reach the sea. available and it is worthwhile searching around for the best available deal, In addition to Air Seychelles' weekly flights.

the mountain passes and jungle. Traveling around the island on the coastal road, which is the main locally as "anses"). highway, can easily be done in half day, though invariably it takes THE islands were uninhabited longer as it is very tempting to stop every few kilometers to enjoy a quick dip in the clear blue sea, to

on the roadside or simply to sit on a beach and contemplate life in one of the countless bays (known

until the 18th century. Today's primarily Catholic Seychellois are the descendants of British and It's not too late to enjoy winter travel

T'S not too late to enjoy winter

French colonialists, African slaves, Indian traders, and Arab sailors and pirates. It is not uncommon to see families in which children from the same parents are of different colors.

When small children walk barefoot, it is by choice rather than necessity. Education is compulsory, and the government has established a very extensive and organized welfare system to which all

citizens are entitled. The smaller islands are the real jewels in the Seychelles' crown. A visit to the area is truly incomplete without a trip to at least one of them. Most tourists head for Praslin, La Digue, Bird Island or Ile Denis, all of them "inner" islands. The distant outer clusters such as the Farquar and Aldabra groups are closed to tourists. (A few scientists are there to study their unique ecosystems.)

Praslin, the second largest island in the Seychelles and a mere 15minute flight away from Mahé, is well worth a visit. The pace of life

Mahé. The charming manager of our hotel on Praslin was quite perturbed as he told us how a group of Israelis had wanted to order a taxi at 11 p.m. to go out to dinner and explore the local nightlife. Everyone in Praslin is asleep by

10, he informed us. During the day, there is much to see and do on Praslin. The amazing Vallee de Mer primeval forest covers much of the center of the island and is home to many unique plants and animals, the most famous being the very strange Coco de Mer palm tree and the rare black parrots. And the beaches at Anse Lazio and Anse Volbert are superb.

Unfortunately the roads are appalling and the suspension in the rental cars even worse! Diving and deep-sea fishing are much recommended. Many of the neighboring islands are easily visited by boat, most notably La Digue, considered by many to be the most beautiful island, and the islands of Cousin and Curiese. The nature reserve on the latter features giant tortoises.

The hotels in Praslin are much better than those on Mahé, being both newer and better designed to blend into the landscape. They range in price from basic accommodation to the world-class L'Archipel.

The food in the Seychelles is also very mixed. Almost everything is imported, mainly from South Africa, and is fairly expensive. It is best to stick to the local exotic fruits and fresh fish. Go deep-sea fishing and you catch your own dinner!

Waiting for the return flight to Tel Aviv a passenger at the airport lounge summarized his vacation, saying: "We loved it here. I think we'll come back many times with friends and family. When we visit next we'll bring some humous and tehina to keep in the mini bar." Move over Turkey; Israelis have

discovered the Seychelles.



During the summer months, Aqua Bella has become popular as a site for weddings.

Aqua Bella: A treat in the off-season

HESE days, when many of Israel's nature spots are filled to over-capacity, the best time to visit a site may be off-

Take, for example, Aqua Bella, the spring near Jerusalem. On summer weekends this national park is usually jammed with hundreds of families. There is hardly enough room in the parking lot and a haze of barbecue smoke

envelopes the area. This was not always the case. Only a few decades ago, Aqua Bella (, in Hebrew) was known to a relatively small number of nature lovers. It was a wild and overgrown spring with raspberry bushes along its banks. Then it was cleaned up and developed, with broad lawns flanking the spring, which was disciplined into a series of concrete pools and channels.

SAGI TOURS

HAIM SHAPIRO

The developers also cleared the ruins of the Lady Mary Convent. built by the Crusaders, making much of it more accessible and blocking off those areas which were dangerous. It was a project which made Aqua Bella less attractive to some visitors and more so for others.

These days, during the summer months. Aqua Bella has even become popular as a site for weddings, in line with the National Parks Authority's present policy of utilizing the commercial poten-

tial of the sites. On the other hand, I recall with great fondness a Pessah day a few years ago when we decided to have a picnic at Aqua Bella. There was a chill in the air and the park

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was virtually deserted. However, even a short distance

from Jerusalem, it was far more balmy than in the capital. We were able to enjoy some of the leftovers from our Seder meal, followed by a long walk along the spring. It was almost like experiencing some of the wild beauty which the site had had in former times.

To reach Aqua Bella, take the Ma'aleh Hahamisha turn-off from the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway and follow the signs. The park is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. (5 p.m. from April 11. Admission is NIS 10 for adults, NIS 5 for children.



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Kashrut supervisor Rabbi Ya'acov Fink eyes a sample of King David's Feast.

Plenty of food for plenty of money

EGEND has it that the only things which start on time in lerusalem are Shabbat and funerals. Thus, it should have come as no surprike that the widely touted and much-hyped 12-course \$600 per head King David's Feast, one of the highlights of the city's trimillen-

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nium celebrations, should start late. The invitation at the Jerusalem Convention Center specified formal dress, but formality - what there was of it - was barely evident.

Some of the women were decked out in cocktail gowns, but few of the men wore dark suits, let alone tuxedos. The attire of several guests could at best be described as casual.

Waiters began offering appetizers prepared by newly elected president of the World Association of Cooks Societies - Bill Gallagher of Restaurant of the Nation. Johannesburg. He was assisted by Avi Aminof, one of the chefs at the Sheraton Plaza Jerusalem... - 📆

Most of the food writers were happy just to eat and make appreciative noises, but one rather abrasive American fingered the canapes, pulling apart the layers like so many banana peels, exclaiming shrilly to her companion at each revelation - and leaving

the mess on the tray. The approximately 300 guests served, but there were still formalities to be overcome. There was the appropriate display of appreciation to all the chefs, both visitors and locals - together with Shalom Kadosh, executive chef of the Sheraton Plaza, who had spent

GREER FAY CASHMAN

long months coordinating the kitchen preparations.

They were given a standing ovation as they trooped in dressed in their spotless white uniforms to receive awards from Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert in recognition of their donating their services to the capital's Ein Yael Living Museum.

Finally, the wine and food began to arrive, served by white-gloved waiters and waitresses. Most of my table companions were from the Golan Heights Winery, and it was an education to see how they treated their own products.

First they sniffed the bouquet: then they gently swished the wine around in the glass, and then they swilled it around in their mouths before swallowing - almost every time they took a sip.

Wine-maker Victor Schoenfeld was mildly upset that the wine had been over-chilled, and politely made the point to the sommelier. He was also a little disturbed that the red Merlot Yarden 1990, which was intended to accompany the quail and the roast duckling, arrived with the stripped bass in olives, sesame and spring vegetables.

Atmospherically, there

True, the tablecloths were damask and there was a gleaming six-pronged silver candelabrum on each table, but there was no room for the quantity of cutlery required for such an extensive gastronomic experience. At most, there were er's kubbeh."

four pieces of cutlery by each plate - and the waiters kept on replenishing with each new course.

Adam Montefiore, Golan's export and marketing manager, had expected something by way of a Tudor banquet as portrayed in British films.

But perhaps the pomp was missing, because someone may have remembered David was a mere shepherd boy before he became a king.

A reed-thin woman at our table toyed with her food and ate practically nothing. Was her \$600 wasted? Not at all. Her husband managed 24 courses instead of 12. But it was she who conducted the table poll to determine the most popular dish. The connoisseurs voted for roast-

ed quail stuffed with foie gras and

mushrooms in essence of quail and confit of garlic, the creation of Chef Jean Louis, Palladin of Restaurant Jean Louis, Washington, DC.

But those with Jess pretensions to refinement choice other dishes. Since we hadn't kept score as we went along, and our palates had been adjusting to new taste sensations throughout, the poll was less

Four hours flew by from the first course to the coffee and petits fours. "\$600!" exclaimed the cabbie o drove me home "My family could eat for a whole month on

that. And they think that if they use

a fancy-shmancy name like risotto

that it's any different from ordinary,

plain rice? I bet you that nothing there could compare to my mothas a result of the Oslo accord.

TISECRACKING weatherman Danny Roup

was much more cautious than usual this week when making his forecasts on Channel 2. The reason: Roup is being sued by a Haifa viewer, who caught the flu, she claimed, when she dressed too lightly after hearing Roup's assurances of rising temperatures. As it turned out, he was off the mark, and the weather was decidediv cool.

FEATURES

GRAPEVINE **GREER FAY CASHMAN**

CONGRATULATORY messages have been showering into the home and office of Zvi Mazel this week, following a Yediot Aharonot report that he is to be Israel's next ambassador to Egypt. The present incumbent, David Sultan, will make a brief stop at home soon after Israel Independence Day, before traveling on to Canada, where he will

take up his next posting.

For Mazel, who as a member of the staff of Israel's first ambassador to Egypt. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, was the first Israeli to bring his family to live in the Land of the Nile, the prospect of renewing friendships made in the early years of peace between Israel and

Egypt is most pleasing.

Judging by the number of cables and phone calls from Egypt, the feeling is mutual. The offers to throw "welcome back" parties are numerous, but Mazel is unable to give anyone a date, because the Foreign Ministry has not yet advised him when to pack his

AMONG THE many mayors from around the world who assembled in Jerusalem this week as guests of Ehud Olmert was Sydney mayor Frank Sartor, who came to Israel via Atlanta. Sartor, whose city will host the first Olympic Games of the second Christian millennium. stopped by in Atlanta to get some pointers on what goes into organizing such a huge, multi-faceted

IT WAS quite a surprise to members of the religious settlement of Betar when Victor Kiritziniki, mayor of Kiev, demonstrated an understanding of Gemara. Kiritiziniki, accompanied by Rabbi Ya'acov Bleich, chief rabbi of Ukraine, was the guest of Betar council chairman Moshe Leibovitz. The mayor's knowledge came to light when Leibovitz took him into a classroom. Before leaving, he signed a twin-city agreement between Kiev and

NATIVE ENGLISH speakers jockeying for position in next week's primaries include Likud candidate Moshe Pavlov, who last November was catapulted to stardom by both Israel Television and Channel 2. A computer programmer, Pavlov, 41, who was born in Marshalltown, lowa, came to Israel 25 years ago, but more recently became a political activist

A frequent participant in antigovernment demonstrations, Pavlov came to the attention of the foreign media after the assassination of former prime minister

Religious Council, Jewish National away from the kitchen Newly-Fund chairman Mosthe Rivilly installed general disagger Hebrew University Professor Clement Hassid who presented Ehud Sprinzak, Jonathan each of the chefs with a silver and Harpaz, director of the Jerusalem Hotel Association and many others who ride the celebrity circuit. It's not always who you are, but whom

"There's a greater story behind the assassination than anyone There's a conspiracy that goes well beyond Yigal Amir and the truth will eventually come out," Pavlov asserts. LABOR CANDIDATE Ofer Pines decided that it was not enough to

publicize information about himself. It was no less important to get endorsements. And he did just that. The partial list includes Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg, Rabbi Binyamin Bar-Zohar, spiritual head of the Mateh Yehuda

you know that counts.

THE PAST two weeks in Israel have definitely been a Cooks' Tour. both for chefs and diners. Following the World Association of Cooks Societies' Conference in Jerusalem earlier this month, 13 of the world's great exponents of the gastronomic arts stayed on to produce the sumptuous 12-course King David's Feast in conjunction with the city's trimillennium.

On the night prior to the feast, they were honored at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, at a late-night banquet which started well after 9 p.m. when they could be prized

gold relief of the walls of Jerusalem, said that it was strange for him to get up and introduce people and an event in which he had played no part. His predeces-sor, Raphy Weiner, who'd had a lot to do with the culinary coup, was also on hand - but this time as

Sheraton Plaza Executive Chef Shalom Kadosh, chief coordinator of King David's Feast, described it as the pinnacle of his career. Asked what he's going to do next, Kadosh replied: "spend more time with my kids."

THERE WAS no sleep for Italian chef Gualtiero Marchesi on the night of the feast. He had a 5 a.m. plane to catch, and the feast itself went on till the wee small hours. Jet lag was catching up with Johannesburg's Bill Gallagher who came to Israel via New York where he was promoting South Africa's new rainbow cuisine which includes traditional tribal dishes.

GUEST OF honor at the annual dinner of the Ezrath Nashim Sarah Herzog Memorial Hospital was Renee Lauffer, who for 17 years headed the British; Friends of Herzog Hospital, succeeding her mother, the late Fanny Wolfson, who was its founder and according to Lauffer, at the time "virtually its only member." Speaking of her mother, Lauffer said she never went anywhere without her receipt book in her pocket."

AT A charity affair mostly attended by Orthodox people, one of the guests wondered why the organizers had chosen a female entertainer, whose performance might be offensive to the men in the room. At which point Sue Lerner, a volunteer for many causes, came up with an interesting halachic question. What if it's a man who had a sex operation?" It's not the only modern miracle over which halachic sages will have to scratch their heads.

IN NUA

THE ATMOSPHERE at the festive opening of a new exhibit at the Haifa Maritime Museum was decidedly Latin American. On show were 85 rare pottery pieces from Lima's National Museum of Anthropology, Archeology and History and on hand were not only Peruvian entertainers, but the country's Vice President Cesar Paredes, Peruvian ambassador Jaime Stiglitch and Peru's two honorary consuls in Israel, Yoseph Maiman and Alfredo Rosensweig, who were greeted by Museum director Nissim Tal and Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzua. Paredes had a twofold reason for being in Israel. He also attended a seminar for for presidents of Latin American universities.

Under the weather



Architect David Knafo (from left), Haifa Maritime Museum director-general Nissim Tal, Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna, Treasury representative Avshalom Zomer, Peru's Vice President Cesar Paredes, two members of the Indio Trio and Peruvian Ambassador Jaime Stiglitch attend the opening of the museum's new exhibit featuring rare pottery pieces from Peru; Weatherman Danny Roup (below) has more to watch out for than just rain - he's being sued by a viewer for incorrectly predicting the weather.





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Yitzhak Rabin, when he began dis-

tributing articles suggesting that

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the same footage of his activities

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IN a week when a multinational team of chefs excited the food press with its colorful, eclectic, and well-publicized concoctions, curiously labeled "King David's Feast," a real David was feasting much more substantially else-

Unlike that 14-course, \$600 meal - surely an unforgettable, but short-lived experience for those who had a taste of it - the Likud's David Levy got free tickets this week for a feast that will last four years. And while that Jerusalem supper cost us taxpayers nothing, Levy's political cowardice, pathological narcissism. and ideological hypocrisy are apt to cost us all dearly.

Levy's egotistic retreat from his publicly stated commitment to run independently did not stem from what he pompously presents as "the call of the hour," but from more prosaic realities, namely polls which said most of the public thought he should be no more than a marginal politician.

If he had guts he would have stuck to his guns, but, considering his refusal 13 years ago to become finance minister, there was no reason to expect Levy to assume real leadership in a real battle.

Back then, after Menachem Begin's resignation, a hyperinflation-beleaguered Yitzhak Shamir offered Levy the Treasury. But Levy, apparently aware that his populist demands for "social budgets" wouldn't

suffice to face the task, instead sought the Foreign Ministry, thus shunning a golden opportunity to show leadership on a front crucial to Israel's survival.

Levy's aims were clear: diploтасу, which macy, which generates respectability and demands little responsibility - yes; the economy, which demands thorough studying and entails pitched battles with a variety of interest groups -

In short, Levy's agenda has been, and remains, Levy. That is also why all his talk of "social issues" petered out as soon as he was promised easy access to power and honor.

Though morally appalling, all this would have been financially harmless had Levy's idea of budget management - tax-and-spend not improved his chances to seriously burden the macro-economy, should the Likud win the elections.

One wonders whether while wooing and coaxing his former Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu paid any thought to the stark contrast between Levy's populism and the Milton-Friedmanism he himself preaches on the rare events when he discusses the economy.

Hopefully, in the aftermath of the upcoming elections, whether as an accomplice to the Likud's defeat or as a forgotten supportactor in someone else's victory, this coup will have been Levy's last supper.



Pinchas Landau interviews MAGAZINE Alan Blinder, former deputy chalman of the US Federal Reserve Board of Governors

DON'T MISS IT!

The last supper Agricultural output up 11% in 1995

THE agricultural sector's output rose in 1995 by 11 percent compared with the previous year, though its trade conditions worsened, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

The relatively sharp rise in farming output came after several years when output increases did not exceed 3%. Production costs, however,

increased by 8% while prices remained steady, resulting in a 7% contraction of the trade conditions. In 1994 prices increased by 9%

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

compared to the previous year. Exports in the same period increased by 9%, totaling 21% of

all agricultural output. Citrus ouput grew by 41% while the overall produce market, including vegetables, fruit and other produce, grew by 15% last year compared to 1994. From 1993 to 1994 output in this sector increased by 1%.

Citrus output grew by 21%

while prices rose by 16%. The rest of the produce market saw a 33% output increase, but a 17% drop in

The amount of vegetables produced increased by 11% while prices dropped by 18%. Flower exports decreased by 10% while prices increased by 26%. Between 1993 and 1994 flower exports increased by 40% and prices dropped by 16%.

Animal products increased by 4% last year, the same rate of

Clal's fourth-quarter net profits down 12%

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

and RACHEL NEIMAN

Losses from investments in

securities fell to NIS 9.5m. from

losses of NIS 41.4m. in 1994. In

the fourth quarter, profits from tradeable securities increased to

NIS 1.9m. from losses of NIS

Total revenues from sales rose

to NIS 10.62 billion from NIS

9.24b. Sales on the local market

increased to NIS 6.18m. from NIS

Azorim Investment Development

and Construction, Clal Israel's real

estate arm, reported a 78% growth in net profits for 1995, to NIS 50.1

million compared with NIS 28.2m.

in the corresponding period last

The main reason for the rise

was the inclusion of Shikun

U'Pituah results, which was pur-

chased in March 1995 and con-

tributed NIS13.8m. to annual

Net profits in the fourth quarter

of the year rose to NIS 15.9m.

167.2m., from NIS 131.5m.

CLAL Industries, a subsidiary of Clal Israel, completed the fourth quarter of 1995 with a 12 percent drop in net profits, to NIS 38.9 million compared with NIS 44.4m. in the corresponding peri-

After the reported period, Clal Industries general manager Meir Laiser submitted his resignation. David Wainsha, president and CEO of Clal Israel, was appointed the new manager.

The company ended 1995 with a net profit of NIS 222.7 million, compared with NIS 146.5m. in 1994. Net return on equity on an annual basis increased to 10.4% from 6.4% the year before.

The results include capital gains as well as one-time expenses of NIS 55.5m., including NIS 0.6m. in the fourth quarter.

The nonrecurring items resulted from the company's equity in provisions made and assets written off by Scitex, which offset Clai Industries equity in respect of adjustments which reduced tax

Net profits for the year, excluding capital gains and other expenses, increased to NIS from NIS 10m. in the same period

The construction sector's total income rose to NIS 685.57m. last year from NIS 610m. in 1994. Sales of buildings fell to NIS 306.94m. from NIS 325.74m., sales of construction products rose to NIS 315.48m. from NIS 231.44m. and income from rent of buildings grew to NIS 63.14m. from NIS 52.84m.

Alliance Tires net profits fell to NIS 24.45m. from NIS 30.23. in 1994. Earnings per share were NIS 1.05 from NIS 1.29.

The drop was due to the increased cost of sales, NIS 305m. from NIS 253.14m. The cost of materials rose to NIS 166.74m. from NIS 135.3m.

The company is part of the Fishman Group. Alliance has two subsidiaries, in the US and Germany, and has been rated 46th out of the top 50 largest tire companies by Rubber and Plastic News. Exports accounted for 74.5% of sales in 1995.

Tefen Engineering net losses were NIS 204.000. For mere pains of NIS 204.000. Reserves pages

of NIS 204,000. Revenues were NIS 38m. from NIS 22.62m.



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Telegraph, owned by NAS-DAQ-traded Telegraph Communications, and Davar Rishon, recently bought by the Singer-Barnea Group, amounced earlier this week their intentions to merge their newspapers.

Though the deal has yet to be efficiently needed the first issue of

officially sealed, the first issue of the new paper is planned to appear in May, said Telegraph CEO Avi Tiomkin.

The new daily, which will appear in the evenings, is expect-ed to target much of the niche currently held by the Globes financial daily, which also appears in the evenings, but unlike the new product — which has yet to be named — is not a general newspa-

GM, UAW strike is over

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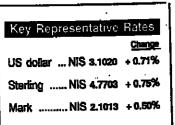
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Market drops on rate hike concern

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fell for the week asconcern that the central bank will raise interest rates to fight inflation offset reports of stronger earnings from top companies

The Two-Sided Index fell 1.08 percent to 195.97, while the Maof Index slipped 0.97% to 205.53. The Two-Sided fell 3.9% for the week; the Maof shed 3.8%. The most active stock on the

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exchange for the fifth day was Koor, down 1% on NIS 7.5 million worth of shares traded. Some NIS 98.4m. of shares

traded across the exchange. Three issues fell for every one Property company Azorim

gave back 2% yesterday, after rising 3.25% Wednesday, when it reported fourth-quarter earnings

"Most of the reports are at expectations," said Yaron Pitaru, head of research at Ofek SecuriMaof Index

"The problem

Central Bank Frenkel may raise interest rates on Monday, Pitara said. Monetary policy will choke

the market," he said. because they determine the cost of borrowing for companies. Higher rates eat into corporate profits and often into stock prices as well. They also are used by central banks as an economic brake, de-

signed to head off faster inflation. Looking at individual stocks, Pitaru likes Discount Investments. The affiliate of Israel Discount Bank holds investments in companies like Delek, Supersol, Clai Israel and Elron Electronic

"It's a quiet company. It doesn't make a lot of noise in the

newspapers," he said.

The company's shares slipped 0.25% yesterday.

LONDON (Reuter) - Shares finished higher, just below the 3,700 level as a firming bond market late in the day helped underpin share prices. Economic data was again the central feature and, with few surprises in the figures, shares kept to a tight 13 point range in a day of steady, uneventful trading. The FTSE 100 ended at 3,698.3, a gain of 12.9 points, after touching 3,702.3 early in the

FRANKFURT - The stock market made a hesitant run up to record beights, lifted by selective interest in financial stocks. The IBIS DAX index, which mea-30 blue-chip stocks, hit an alltime high of 2,507.43 but slipped slightly to end the afternoon at 2,505.32. Earlier, the DAX in-

stocks during the three-hour floor session, ended at a record closing high of 2,504.12, up 18.22 points on the day.

PARIS - Shares ended modestly higher, buoyed by demand for a handful of blue chips, including luxury goods group LVMH whose 1995 results pleased the market. The CAC-40 index closed up 7.10 points, or 0.36 percent, at 1,976.89.

TOKYO - Shares ended higher, helped by strong blue-chips and arbitrage-linked buying. ingeli of 21,500 as domestic institutions begin placing buy orders for the next fiscal year. The 225share Nikkei average gained 284.93 points, to 20,727.53

Dow down

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks fell yesterday as cautious investors again sold technology stocks and switched to the

shares of drug companies. At 1 p.m. EST, the Dow Jones industrial average was off 28.54 points at 5,626.88.

In the broader market, however, advancing issues led declines by a narrow margin on moderate volume of 214 million shares on

the New York Stock Exchange.

was off 0.55 of a point at 1,101.27. The American Stock Exchange index was up 0.42 at 567.69.

Some analysts said the market appeared to be pausing, as it waited for fresh leadership.

"The market is not overbought or oversold but in a neutral mode and needs an event to shake it out of its current lethargy," said Joseph Barthel, chief investment The Nasdaq composite index strategist at Fahnestock & Co.

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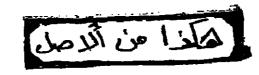
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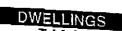
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over 20 wounded. It was also seen as an indirect threat from Iran itself that it would respond if the IDF hits its bases in Lebanon, including training bases where Iranian Revolutionary guards are instructing Hizbullah terrorists.

Meanwhile, the situation in south Lebanon, the security zone, and along the northern border remained tense yesterday amid reports of Lebanese civilians fleeing their homes north of

This followed the IDF bombardments Wednesday after the suicide attack and further shelling yesterday of suspected Hizbullah targets north of the zone, espe-

cially in the Nabatiya region. The IDF and SLA were also reported to be continuing their search in the zone for Hizbullah collaborators. Levine revealed on Wednesday that the suicide bomber had been helped by residents of a village near Taibeh.

Levine met with heads of "confrontation line" towns and villages in the North last night to brief them on the situation in southern Lebanon. Levine asked them to be patient, and they assured him they have full confi-

dence in the IDF. They were not instructed to go to shelters or to take any other precautions, despite the fact that some residents were sleeping in shelters on their own without waiting to .receive such instructions.

## COCAINE

(Continued from Page 1) drugs and follow the suspects. Yesterday morning, narcotics squad detectives raided a villa in the Sharon area and caught the three suspects red-handed as they were opening the container.

Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Gabi Last said the haul was the largest amount of cocaine to enter the country. Larger shipments have been intercepted in different countries on their way here, usually in Holland, Belgium, and Colombia.

6 coke sanugglers held, Page 22

### **BOMBER**

(Continued from Page 1) voice and went toward him and then artiflery fire was directed at us. The soldiers acted very well and took up positions and those who were supposed to returned

Danan said it appeared that the terrorist blew himself prematurely as a result of the reaction of the warning shot was fired. He noted that the suicide bomber was less than four meters from the jeep when he blew himself up.

Danan stressed that the troops had acted in accordance with regulations and had kept a safe distance. Asked if he thought he should have fired first and asked questions later, Danan said that in such a case, the terrorist might have hurled himself at the commander in an effort to kill them.

# **AEC** denies claims that radioactive waste is improperly stored

LIAT COLLINS

OFFICIALS at the Atomic Energy Commission yesterday rejected claims that the radioactive waste at the Negev Nuclear Research Center in Dimona is stored dangerously in old and corroded containers and is kept close to water sources in an area prone to earth tremors.

The claims were made this week in a promotion of Israel Television's Second Look program on the subject. The program is scheduled to be shown

AEC spokesman Yitzhak Lederman said yesterday the premise behind the program is mistaken and misleading. He said the NNRC was established following a thorough hydrological and geological investigation of site. The underground reser-

voir near the site contains water high in lead contents and not fit for use as drinking water.

"No radioactive waste has ever polluted the water sources and all the waste is stored safely according to the strictest international criteria," Lederman said.

He said the barrels shown in the program are intended for the transport of radioactive waste from hospitals and research centers to the disposal site at the NNRC. Most of the material in them loses its levels of radioactivity in a short period of a few days to a few months, before damage to the containers can take place.

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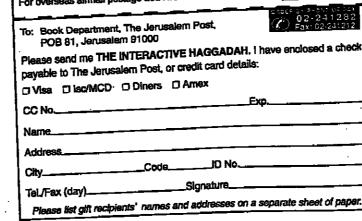
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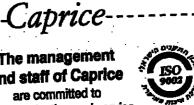
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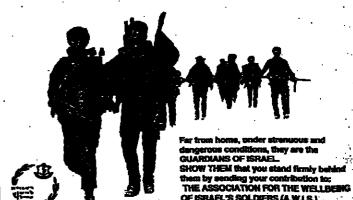


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# Last-second wins for Maccabi TA, Atlanta beckons Friedman Hap J'lem set up State Cup final

HEATHER CHAIT

HAPOEL Jerusalem will meet Maccabi Tel Aviv in the State Cup finals after two semifinal games that went to the buzzer last night at Yad Eliahu.

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In the opening encounter, Maccabi defeated underdog Hapoel Galil Elyon 69-67 on a last-second shot by Doron Jamchee.

The scene was repeated in the second game, as Adi Gordon, who played only a few minutes of the game due to injury, sank his first basket of the night as time ran out to give Jerusalem an 84-82 win over defending State Cup champions Bnei Herzliya and end three straight seasons of frustration for Hapoel in the semifinals.

Jerusalem appeared to have the game in control when it opened up a 52-39 lead in the first minute after the break when Papi Turgeman nailed a three-

But then Hapoel, which shot

65 percent from the field in the first period, could not buy a basket after the break and a patient Herzliya squad chipped away at the lead.

Herzliya finally gained its first advantage of the half at 67-65 with 7:40 left in the game when David Thirdkill hit his second straight shot.

After that point, Jerusalem fell behind by as many as five points and only tied the score again at 80-80 with 55 seconds left to

That set up a wild finish in which the last three scores were all by players who had no baskets up to that point. After John Hudson missed a

shot, Herzliya fouled youngster Ro'i Eyal, who went to the foul line with 20 seconds on the He calmly hit both shots to

give Hapoel an 82-80 lead, but Herzliya raced down the court and Lior Arditti scored his first **BRIAN FREEMAN** 

points of the evening to tie the score again with 10 seconds remaining.

Without calling time out, Jerusalem pushed the ball downcourt, and Gordon launched his winning jumper inside the threepoint line as time ran out.

Turgeman, who moved over in the backcourt to start at point guard for the injured Gordon, had a brilliant first half.

He directed the offense wonderfully, dishing out six assists in the period as Billy Thompson and Norris Coleman scored 15 and 11 points respectively in the half and Hapoel's big men dominated the boards.

Herzliya, despite a sizzling 18 first-half points from John Hudson, did themselves in, missing seven consecutive free throws to fall behind 49-39 at the break after leading 26-22 with less than eight minutes

remaining. Thompson was Jerusalem's high scorer for the evening with 24 points, while David Birnsley turned in an impressive performance with 15. Coleman chipped in 12, Doron Shefa had 11, Turgeman 10 and Hubert Roberts 8.

For Herzliya, which beat Jerusalem both times in league play this season, Hudson scored 29. Koren Amisha had 18, David Thirdkill 1 and Amir Katz 9.

Maccabi Tel Aviv 69 Hapoel Galil Elyon 67 Maccabi had a much more difficult time than expected, as David Blatt's Galil squad slowed the tempo of the game

and held Tel Aviv to only a 27-

25 halftime advantage, Maccabi, which trounced Galil 87-73 and 96-74 in league play earlier this season, appeared to take control of the game in the second half, building a 49-40 lead midway through the period.

But Galil refused to give up

on an Andrew Kennedy basket with 3:45 remaining. After Maccabi retook the lead,

and fought back on Maccabi's

home court to tie the score at 60

Galil's Gur Shelef sank two free throws with 13 seconds remaining to set up the exciting finish. Nadav Henefeld dribbled down the court and appeared to commit an offensive foul on his

was made. His shot hit off the rim and went out of bounds off of Galil's Mark Carver with three seconds on the clock.

drive to the basket, but no call

Henefeld then inbounded the ball to Jamchee under the basket, who hit the shot to send Tel Aviv back to the State Cup final for only the second time in the last five seasons.

For Maccabi, Jamchee had 26 points and Tom Chambers 24. Galil was paced by Andrew Kennedy with 19 and Gur Shelef

THE Atlanta surf seems to be Gal Friedman's next stop.

Two days ago, he was still feeling the pressure from Olympic rival Amit Inbar in the World Windsurfing Championships in Haifa, but after he moved into second place overall yesterday, all that now concerns him is taking the gold medal and begin packing for Atlanta.

Friedman, 20, proved his excellent performance yesterday, the second day of the final round, and ended his two sails in eighth and second places respectively to finbehind leader Nikos Kaklamanakis of Greece.

"I can't let this opportunity slip by me," said Friedman after the race. "I have to win this."

Inbar struck a completely different figure both at sea and on land. The medium south-westerly winds (15 knots) did not suit him, and while he needed a keen improvement from his overnight 17th placing, he sank to 22nd,

ending his races in 49th and 27th

places. Friedman now has 33.50 negative points, against Inbar's 129.50, and with only three races left, Inbar appears to have little

chance of catching up. National coach Gur Steinberg did not completely rule out Inbar. If there is a strong win, Amit

won't give up."

Friedman's father, Uri, was more frank about Inbar. He is 8 kgs heavier and he practices alone, keeping away from the

team." Friedman senior said. Amir Levinson, the world youth champion, actually beat Friedman in the first race yesterday to end in third spot. His second race saw him finish in 15th spot for the ninth overall position.

Israeli women Michal Hein and Sivan Yosef ended in 25th and 49th spots respectively, while Maud Herbert of France still leads t with Barbara Kendall of New

# Miami drives hard to make playoffs

MIAMI (Reuter) - Alonzo Mourning scored six of his 24 points in a decisive fourth-quarter run as the Miami Heat, fighting to make the playoffs, beat the Detroit 102-93 Wednesday.

Chris Gatling scored 24 points for Miami, which has won six of its last seven games and is now a half-game behind Charlotte for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference.

"We hung in there tough against a real tough team," said Miami coach Pat Riley, who celebrated his 51st birthday.

Grant Hill and Allan Houston scored 21 apiece for Detroit. The Pistons are a half-game behind Cleveland for the fifth spot in the

Knicks 102, Pacers 99 Patrick Ewing scored 31 points and John Starks 19 as host New York won its fourth in a row under new coach

Jeff Van Gundy.

Anthony Mason had 16 points and nine rebounds and Derek Harper added 12 and nine assists for New York, which has taken two of three games from indiana this season and pulled within one game of Indiana for the third playoff spot in the East.

"I'm convinced this team is a championship calibre team if, and only if, our attitude stays strong," said Van Gundy, now 4-1 as head coach. assists, and Derrick McKey added 20 points for Indiana, which has dropped six of its last eight games.

Jazz 107, 76ers 84

Karl Malone scored 24 points as Utah rolled to home win over the Philadelphia 76ers in a game marred

Jazz guard Jeff Hornacek and Sixers' swingman Jerry Stackhouse were ejected with 9:39 to play in the



THREE-POINTER - Bullets' Calbert Cheaney (40) makes a layup while being fouled by Spurs' David Robinson. Cheaney sank the free throw for the 3-point play.

third quarter after Stackhouse was ed for retaliation, but the play sparked a 10-0 Utah run. called for a flagrant foul chasing down Hornacek on a breakaway

Hornacek and Stackhouse exchanged words and Stackhouse began swinging. Hornacek was eject-

Magic 102, Celtics 90
Penny Hardaway scored 35 points
as visiting Orlando won its fourth
straight. Shaquille O'Neal had 28 points, 14 rebounds and a career-high eight assists and Horace Grant had 19 points and 10 rebounds for Orlando, which won for the 20th time in 24 games. The Magic reduced their magic number for clinching their sec-ond straight division title to six.

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# Israel to urge boycott of Pakistan cricket

ISRAEL is planning to call for a ban on international cricketing events in Pakistan following that country's refusal to admit Israel Cricket Association chairman Stanley Periman to the recently completed World Cup.

Perlman told The Jerusalem Post he would propose a general condemnation of Pakistan and an international boycott when the International Cricket Council (ICC) meets in July in London.

Perlman was invited as an official delegate, along with all other ICC members, to the World Cup semifinals in the Indian cities of Calcutta and Maholi and to the final in Labore, Pakistan. Perlman alone was prevented from entering Pakistan and consequently missed the official ICC meetings.

Israel is an associate member of the ICC, along with 21 other minor cricketing nations, all of whom compete in the mini-World Cup. Three associate members - The Netherlands, Kenya and the United Arab Emirates - took part in

the World Cup, held on the Indian subcontinent during the past five weeks together with the nine Testplaying nations. "As a long-standing associate member of the ICC since 1974, Israel was formally invited by PILCOM

(the World Cup organizing committee) to attend the semifinals .... and final in Pakistan. However, all efforts, both directly and through the ICC in London. to obtain entry for Mr. Perlman proved fruitless," a statement issued by the ICA said. "I was invited as an official delegate to the World

Cup and it is regrettable that the Pakistanis chose to ignore Israel's presence, all the more so when Middle Eastern nations are making peace," Perlman said.

# Betar, Haifa chase top spot

Beersheba to upset the form book

THIS weekend's big soccircus in require of hori LEWIS
at Telliy Stadium between Betar Jerusalem and Maccabi Haifa side can rely on troubled Hapoel may not be a do-or-die affair on paper, but it would appear that one of the two clubs will drop out of the reckoning for a realistic shot at the National League title.

Betar lies in third place, one point behind Maccabi Haifa. At the top, Maccabi Tel Aviv has a five-point margin.

Should both chasing sides draw. the gap between them and the leaders will be almost impossible to span. The emphasis at Teddy Stadium will therefore be on gaining a victory at all costs. Neither

lucky.

attempt at finding a successful

against the Tel Avivians at This weekend's fixtures, all Bloomfield. matches tomorrow at 16:00 unless Beersheba, however, will have other thoughts on its mind. With a theses: Hapoel Kfar Sava vs. Ironi Rishon Lezion, Kfar Sava (2-2); Hapoel Haifa vs. Maccabi Petah Tikva, Kiryat Eliezer 15:30 (1-2); new coach at the helm they will hope to make it third time around Coach Eli Guttman is the third

boss and nothing will feel sweeter than a win over the leaders. Elsewhere, Hapoel Haifa meet Maccabi Petah Tikva in an uppermid-table match that should produce some good soccer at Kiryat Eliezer, while the rest of the

action will center around the relegation battle with Betar Tel Aviv Bnei Yehnda vs. Maccabi Jaffa, Hatikva Quarter (0-1); Maccabi Tel Aviv vs. Hapoel Beersheba, Bloomfield 17:00 (3-1); Betar Tel Aviv vs. Maccabi Herzliya, Bloomfield 15:00 (0-3); Hapoel Beit She'an vs. Hapoel Tel Aviv, Beit She'an (0-0); Betar Jerusalem vs. Maccabi Haifa, Teddy Stadium 18:00 (2-2); Hapoel Petah Tikva vs. Zafririm Holon, Petah Tikva, today

facing Maccabi Herziya, Bnei Yehuda playing Maccabi Jaffa

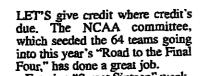
and Hapoel Kfar Sava hosting

# Final Four: Mass, UConn, Kentucky and Kansas

Philadelphia has lost five straight.

as visiting San Antonio won its 11th

Spurs 112, Bullets 101 David Robinson scored 33 points



Entering "Sweet Sixteen" weekend, the most enjoyable four days of the college basketball year (there are no more Kentucky-San Jose St. mismatches like last weekend), each of the four regions has three of its top four seeds still around. The panel of experts blew it

only in the West, where No. 1 seed Purdue nearly became the first team to lose to a 16th-seeded squad in squeaking by Western Carolina, and then proved that to be no fluke when it was ousted in the second round by Georgia, one of the two surprise teams in the tournament. While my allegiances to the IDF

precluded any prognostications prior to the tourney's outset, I'm back in civvies to give a shot at this year's Final Four. In the East, No. 1 Massachusetts

should have little trouble against the tourney's major surprise, No. 12 Arkansas. While the Razorbacks are last year's runnerup, no one expected Nolan Richardson to lead his team

this far after losing all five of last year's starters, including No. 1 NBA draft picks Corliss Williamson and Scott Thurman. Richardson, one of the best in the business, has employed a younger version of last year's "40 minutes of hell" defense, and it's worked,

at least until now. But look for Massachusetts' possible No. 1 draft pick Marcus Camby and the rest of John Calipari's well-trained squad to defeat the Razorbacks.

In the other eastern matchup, Georgetown should have no trouble with upstart Texas Tech, led by Dr. Dunk Darvin Ham.

Ham's dunk that shattered the backboard in Tech's easy secondround victory over North Carolina is the highlight of this year's tourney so far, but after the Red Raiders go up against a strong Georgetown team led by soph sensation Allen Iverson, they'll be watching NCAA highlights from their living room.

In the finals, Georgetown, with a strong 1-2 center combination of Othella Harrington and Jahidi White, will wear down Camby and the Minutemen in what should be the best matchup of the

### **ELIOT ZIMELMAN**

The Southeast is where all eyes in Israel will be turned to as Doron Sheffer leads Connecticut against Mississippi St. in the first of two Big East-SEC matchups to decide conference supremacy.

UConn won't have an easy time with the Bulldogs, led by big man Erick Dampier, guard Darryl Wilson, and freshman star Dontae Jones, but look for the Huskies to advance to the Elite Eight for the second straight year.

The Huskies opponent in the Southeast finals should be the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, which will dispose of Cincinnati despite the Bearcats "homecourt" advantage of playing in Lexington, Kentucky. Tech, led by freshman sensation Stephon Marbury, has just too much firepower for Danny Forston and сотралу.

Look for the Huskies to make it to the Final Four for the first time in history as the best backcourt in the country - Sheffer and sure-fire lottery pick Ray Allen - handles Marbury, who only after one year of college hoops has been called by many the best guard in the

In the Midwest, No. 1 seed Kentucky should have little problem containing Western Athletic Conference rep Utah. The Wildcats have so much depth that their second team could be most collegiate squads, but expect the starting five, led by the inside power of Antoine Walker and the outside shooting of Tony Delk, to tame a tough Utes squad featuring All-American Keith Van Horn, one of the country's most under-

rated players.

The other matchup will find Louisville upsetting Wake Forest. The Demon Deacons are hurting with lottery pick-to-be Tim Duncan getting over the flu and point guard Tony Rutland nursing a twisted knee, while the Cardinals, led by All-Name Team member DeJuan Wheat, are on a high following their second-round upset win over Villanova.

Louisville's luck, however, will run out when it faces the Kentucky machine in Kentucky Derby II that should have everyone in the Bluegrass State stay away from Churchill Downs for And finally, in the West, a well-

disciplined Kansas squad should take care of the run-and-gun Arizona Wildcats. Look for Wildcat Ben Davis to

come up big, however, as he plays against his former Jayhawk teammates and Coach Roy Williams. In the second Big East-SEC

confrontation, Syracuse will handle upstart Georgia, which suits up eight seniors and five fresh-Expect Kansas to nab the last

ticket to the Final Four as the guard combo of Jerrod Haase and Jacques Vaughn proves to be too much for the one-man-show, John Wallace-led, Orangemen. There you have it: UMass,

UConn, Kentucky and Kansas. Tune in next week for the real The Final Four will be played

on Saturday, March 30 with East-Midwest and Southeast-West matches scheduled. The national championships will take place on Monday, April 1. **SWEET 16** 

EAST Yesterday, Georgia Dome, Atlanta

Massachusetts vs. Arkansas Texas Tech vs. Georgetown Tomorrow, Regional Final SOUTHEAST Today, Rupp Arena, Lexington, Ky. Connecticut vs. Mississippi State Cincinnati vs. Georgia Tech Sunday, Regional Final

MIDWEST Yesterday, Metrodome, Minn. Kentucky vs Utah Wake Forest vs. Louisville Tomorrow, Regional Final

Today, McNichols Arena, Denver Georgia vs. Syracuse Kansas vs. Arizona Sunday, Regional Final

# A racket in Jerusalem

THE LOCAL SCENE HEATHER CHAIT

THE world's tennis youth will meet in the capital from April 14-19, as part of the Jerusalem 3000 celebrations for an International Tennis Federation (ITF) tourna-

Players between the ages of 13-18 from 17 countries are expected to arrive.

On a more senior level, 39-yearold Shlomo Glickstein proved he is not a non-playing captain only, winning the Seniors tournament (age 35) final against Yair Wertheimer, 6-4, 6-4.

Winners in the other categories were Sammy Miller (45). Ron Steel (55), Gabi Dubitsky (60), Moshe Gershowitz (65), Israel Yarkoni (70) and among the women Naomi Grossman (45) and Ilana Barak (55). Bowled out

All but three of the 24 countries invited here to the European Cup Team Tenpin Bowling Championships (May 28-June 1) have petitioned the President of the federation to move the tournament to another location because of Israel's political climate. Udi Sharon, a member of the Israel

Tenpin Bowling Federation, received a letter from the European President and has turned to Micha Goldman, Deputy Minister of Education and Sport for a ruling on the matter. Swimming diplomacy
Ten of the best local swimmers left

for a three-week training camp in Alabama: Yoav Bruck, Vadim Alexsev, Dan Kutler, Eitan Orbach, Mickey Halika, Eran Gerumi, Yoav Meiri, Uri Stift, Dov Melnick and the lone female. Lital Kashriel. Drama crupted when the Americans refused Russian immigrant Alexsev a

visa, fearing his real intention was to escape to the US. After he produced papers to prove them wrong, the visa was cleared. All in the fencing family Two criteria for an easy path in fencing are having the surname Hatoel and an aunt, the national cham-

pion, who will forfeit her match for The Fencing Association is checking out why Lydia Hatoel passed up the match against her niece, Delilah,

daughter of coach Haim, in the State Cup tournament in Kfar Saba.

It appears she felt it would help Delilah to gain the only ticket to the world junior championships next month in Belgium.

### **SCOREBOARD**

NHL – Wednesday's results; Montreal 3, Hartford 2; Boston 2, New Jersey 1; Detroit 4, Toronto 3 (OT); Calgary 3, Chicago 2; Dallas 2, St Louis 1; San Jose 7, Wimnipeg 1; Colorado 5, Los Angeles 2.

EUROPEAN CUP – Wednesday's quarter-final, second-leg results: Spartak Moscow 2, Nantes 2; Nantes won 4-2 on aggregate. Ajax Amsterdam 1, Borussia Dortmund 0; Ajax won 3-0 on aggregate. Panathinaikos 3, Legia Warsaw 0; Panathinaikos won 3-0 on aggregate. Juventus 2, Real Madrid 0; Juventus won 2-1 on aggregate.

2-1 on aggregate. LOCAL SOFTBALL ~ Ziontours 19, Norman's Steakhouse 4; Shani Tai Tige 21, Netmedia 4; Archaelogical Seminars 17, Vision Center 4; Snam 1al Tigers 21, Netmedia 4; Archaelogical Seminars 17, Vision Center 4; Global Financial 15, Crazy Richards 0; Aztek-Glomar 21, Hasaot Benny 3; Rise Hi 13, Archaelogical Seminars 12; Shani Tal 16, Kibbutz Gezer 1; Ziontours 16, Vision Center 1; Net Media 21, Kibbutz Center 4; Norman's Steakhouse 14, Hasaot Benny 10; Archaelogical Seminars 20, Net Media 9; Rise Hi 14, Shonrat Cuba 4; Global Financial 20, Shani Tal Tiners 14, Kalia Pistols 21, Vision Center 14, Kibbuta Financial 20, Shani Tal Tigers 14; Kalia Pistols 21, Vision Center 14; Kibbutz Gezer 19, Aztek-Glomar 13. For this week's schedule, see today's edition of In

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor



# Take it to the Hoop

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Maj. Wayne Starley of the Georgia State Police shakes hands with a policewoman at Border Police headquarters in Lod yesterday. A team of 11 Georgia police officials has arrived to gather information on security and counter-terrorism in preparation for this summer's Olympics. This is the fourth such delegation to visit since Atlanta was named the site of the 1996 summer games. (Reuter)

# Wiretappers' lawyer facing charges

AN INDICTMENT charging obstruction of justice, suborning witnesses, and other charges connected to the media wiretapping case is to be filed within the next few days against lawyer Motti Katz by the Jerusalem District Attorney's Office.

Katz was formerly the lawyer of private investigators Rafi Friedan and Ya'acov Tsur in the media wiretapping case. In February 1995 Tsur turned state's wimess against Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi and others, including

A petition filed by Katz to the High Court of Justice against the state attorney and the police for alleged irregularities in the agreement with Tsur, the latter's taping of Katz's conversa-tions, and the tapping of his phone by police is RAINE MARCUS

still pending. Tsur said he turned state's witness following threats to himself and Friedan by Katz, allegedly on behalf on Nimrodi (who vehemently denied this at a confrontation with Tsur staged by police.)

The indictment draft accuses Katz of transferring, via David Ronen (accused with Nimrodi of commissioning wiretapping and obstructing justice) NIS 30,000 to Friedan's and Tsur's families when they were first arrested in April 1994.

According to the draft, Katz told Ronen that Nimrodi should pay for legal fees and finan-cially support Friedan and Tsur during their

Suspected cocaine smugglers remanded

arrest, trial, and possible imprisonment for scores of wiretapping charges. Nimrodi then paid each of the investigators, via Katz, \$6,000

monthly for the next year.

In April 1995, reads the indictment draft, while Friedan and Tsur were still awaiting trial (but Tsur had secretly turned state's witness). they asked Katz to ask Nimrodi for an additional \$4,000 each monthly in hush money during their trial. They also asked Katz to arrange for a monthly payment of \$5,000 each during their time in prison, if convicted and

Tsur handed over to police his February and March 1995 payments to support his recordings of Katz, given to police and the state attor-

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# Wednesday night. The operation -Strike averted as pension plan signed

SIX men suspected of importing nearly 400 kilograms of cocaine

from South America and conspir-

ing to import another 150 kilos

were remanded yesterday by Ramle Magistrate's Court for 11

The six - Haim Pahima, Shlomo

Hen, Yehuda Friedman, Yitzhak

Gvilli, Tamir Michaelis, and

Zvika Shahar - were arrested by

the central district narcotics squad

THE threat of a nationwide strike was averted yesterday, when the Finance Ministry and the Histadrut signed an agreement regarding the public sector pension plan, agreeing not to damage the rights of veteran workers.

The Histadrut had threatened to hold a one-day, nationwide strike to press its demands that pension conditions not be changed to harm the benefits of veteran employees. The large unions involved in the fight against the changes yester-day expressed their satisfaction with the agreement.

Even though the Secondary School Teachers' Association called a strike yesterday to push its demands to be included in the plan, the Histadrut has so far said it would not agree to the non-Histadrut union's demand to be

### Bethlehem angry about planned land expropriation

### BILL HUTMAN

THE civil administration recently informed the Bethlehem Municipality it plans to expropriate land along the city's limits, bordering Jerusalem, to construct a new road, sparking a sharp out-cry from city leaders. Civil administration spokesman Peter Leruer said 100 dunams of Bethlehem land were slated for expropriation, although additional land of city residents within the adjoining Jerusalem Municipality may also be slated for expropria-tion as part of the road project.

"It is common practice even in

Israel to expropriate land for public projects," Lerner said.

The Bethlehem Committee for Defense of Land charged that an "estimated 1,500 dunams of land owned by the people of Bethlehem" will be taken for the road. The road, according to a statement released by the commit tee, is meant to link Jerusalem's Gilo neighborhood with the proposed Har Homa neighborhood which borders Bethlebern.

### **RAINE MARCUS**

dubbed "Space Games 2" and conducted with authorities in Belgium, Holland, and Colombia began in January 1995, after police received information the gang was planning to smuggle in 150 kilograms of cocaine.

The gang was highly sophisticated, said police, and had branches in Belgium, Holland, the UK, Colombia, the US, and here. It comprised a financier, a factory owner who imported alternative medicinal products from South America, couriers, and other

Some 73 kilos of cocaine, hidden in shoes, were intercepted by Dutch police on a ship on the way to Israel. Another 80 kilos were seized in a Bogota shoe factory being prepared for shipment here.

Some 200 kilos of cocaine were seized in Rotterdam, said police. The gang experimented with different ways to smuggle the

drug, once sending 500 kilograms of cocoa butter from Equador to a factory here to test the route. The gang also bought 1,000 liters of the chemical MEC to separate the cocaine from the linings of shoes Additional arrests are imminent,

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